

Decision No. 15894

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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In the Matter of the Application )  
of David Easdale, an individual, )  
for a Certificate of Public Con- )  
venience and Necessity to Operate )  
Vessels, for the transportation )  
of persons, on the Russian River. )

APPLICATION NO. 12160.

David Easdale in Propria Persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by David Easdale, an individual, under the provisions of paragraph (4), section 50, of the Public Utilities Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the operation of vessels for the transportation of persons, for compensation, on the Russian River, between Russian River Heights, Guerneville Park, Montecano, Greystone, Neeley's Beach, Murphy's Beach and Guerneville.

A public hearing was held at Guerneville, January 20, 1926, before Examiner Geary, and the case having been submitted is now ready for an opinion and order.

The points applicant proposes to serve are located in a summer resort section of the Russian River and the service to be rendered is, primarily, to care for passengers desiring to travel up and down the river on sightseeing trips. The one way

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fare between all points will be 15 cents and the round trip fare 25 cents.

Applicant conducts resorts at Guerneville and its vicinity and also owns a boat building plant. If this application is granted he proposes to construct, at a cost of approximately \$2000., a stern wheel 35-foot, 10-ton gasoline propelled vessel, with a maximum capacity of eighty passengers. The vessel will be ready for service for the tourist season of 1926, beginning about May 1. At certain times during the summer season the vacationists in the vicinity of Guerneville are estimated to be as high as 20,000 people. At the present time there is no service to the points on the opposite side of the river from Guerneville, a distance of approximately four miles, except by the use of row boats or canoes. It is not intended to operate the vessel on schedule, but only when sufficient business is offered, during the period from May to September.

Applicant presented testimony showing that he is an experienced operator of vessels of the type described and that he is financially able to furnish the necessary facilities.

The Northwestern Pacific Railroad operates trains between Guerneville and Russian River Heights, but was not represented at the hearing, and applicant presented as an exhibit a letter received from that company advising it had no objection to the proposed service.

Upon consideration of all the facts of record, we are of the opinion and find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment by the applicant of a service for the

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transportation of persons, as set forth in the application.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, the application having been submitted and now being ready for a decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity requires the operation by David Easdale, an individual, of vessels for the transportation of persons, for compensation, on the Russian River, between Russian River Heights, Guerneville Park, Montecano, Grey-stone, Neeley's Beach, Murphy's Beach and Guerneville.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be granted, subject to the following condition:

That the applicant shall file a tariff, published according to the rules of this Commission, setting forth the fares, rules and regulations governing the transportation of persons, which shall be those set forth in the application.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 1926.

H. B. Brundage  
Charles V.  
George D. Tynes

Commissioners.