

Decision No. 16000

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of Pickwick Stages System for)
Authority to Publish Interdivision)
Fares between certain points on)
its line, as set forth in the)
Application.)

APPLICATION NO. 11816

Warren E. Libby, For Applicant.

Joseph Hellen, For Southern Pacific Company, Protestant.

J. E. McCurdy, For Peninsula Rapid Transit Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application of the Pickwick Stages System seeking permission to establish through interdivision passenger fares, as shown in Exhibit A attached to and made part of the application, between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Los Banos, Fresno, Coalinga, Clovis and Calwa, points on its San Joaquin Valley and Pacheco Divisions on the one hand and on the other Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Jose and the intermediate points; San Francisco, Woodland, Redding and California-Oregon State Line, and the intermediate points, these latter points located on applicant's main line.

A public hearing was held at Los Angeles before Examiner Geary on January 28, and the case having been duly submitted is now ready for an opinion and order.

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The proposed through fares as set forth in the application, and as amended, are less than the full combination of local fares and are predicated on a basis of approximately three cents per mile.

Witnesses for the applicant testified there has been a continual demand from the public for the sale of through tickets and that the establishment of these fares to points all of which are on applicant's Lines, would be a decided advantage and convenience to the traveling public, eliminating the necessity for the purchasing of two separate tickets.

It is not proposed to change in any manner the physical operations of the Auto busses and passengers will be transferred at either Gilroy or San Juan, the busses making direct connections at the junction point for the interchange of passengers.

Under the tariffs now in effect applicant sells joint tickets from the San Joaquin Valley and Pacheco Divisions to San Francisco in conjunction with the California Transit Company, an arrangement perfected before the Valley Lines were secured. Many of the proposed fares are thus being sold via a competitive route and cannot be issued by applicant's own lines.

Upon consideration of all the facts of record, we are of the opinion that there is necessity for the publication of the proposed through interdivision fares, and that the application, as amended, should be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, evidence having been submitted by the applicant, and the Commission being fully advised,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that there is a necessity for publication of through interdivision passenger fares between the points served by applicant, as set forth in Exhibit A of the application, as amended, and,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Pickwick Stages System, be and it is hereby authorized to publish and file tariffs setting forth the through interdivision fares to be assessed over the through route, such fares to be the same as set forth in Exhibit A of the application, as amended.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of February, 1926.

H. B. Boudie
C. L. Seavey
Frank D. Coats

Commissioners.