

Decision No. 16006

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
Mt. Lassen Transit Company, a corpor-
ation, for certificate of public con-
venience and necessity to operate
passenger, express, freight and baggage
service between Mineral, in Tehama County,
Viola in Shasta County, Summit Lake and
Lake Helen, in Lassen Volcanic Nat'l Park,
and intermediate points.

Application
No. 12506

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

Mt. Lassen Transit Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the operation of an automobile service for the transportation of passengers, freight, express and baggage between Mineral, Tehama County, Viola in Shasta County, Summit Lake and Lake Helen and intermediate points.

Applicant proposes to charge rates and fares and to give service in accordance with Exhibits "A" and "B", both of which exhibits, together with Exhibit "C", which shows the equipment to be used in the proposed service, being attached to the application herein and made a part thereof.

Applicant now operates an auto stage service between Chico and Westwood, between Red Bluff-Westwood-Susanville-Reno and between other points in the district generally described as the Feather River-Mt. Lassen territory. The service proposed in the instant application, will, in effect, provide a service connecting at Mineral with the Red Bluff-Westwood line of the applicant and afford opportunity for tourists and other travelers to visit the interesting country adjacent to Mt. Lassen, which is rapidly becoming a tourists' mecca, Lassen Peak attracting many tourists. The service proposed is to be seasonal, road

and weather conditions fixing the length of the operating season. The open season extends approximately from June 1st to October 1st of each year.

Applicant now has an operating right for auto service between Mineral and Lake Helen, a point in Lassen National Park, the Commission having granted a certificate covering the territory from Mineral to the boundary line of the park, beyond which its jurisdiction does not extend. This routing does not give service to Viola. While the proposed new service names Lake Helen as a terminal the route proposed to be followed is through territory far removed (with the exception of the first few miles from Mineral) from the present Mineral-Lake Helen route. As an eventuality linking of the two routes (depending on road construction) will provide a loop operation beginning and ending at Mineral, and carrying travelers through a rough and rugged country rich with the scenic splendors of the great out-doors.

Much of the routing, however, is in territory within the boundaries of Lassen Volcanic National Park, and therefore over roads over which this Commission has no jurisdiction, and this fact is borne in mind by the Commission in giving consideration to the instant application. We are of the opinion that the application should be granted and that it is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Mt. Lassen Transit Company, a corporation, of an automobile service for the transportation of passengers, baggage, freight and express between Mineral and a point on the boundary line of Lassen Volcanic National Park about 13½ miles from Manzanita Lake, and intermediate points, via Viola and Manzanita Lake, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity for such a service be and the same hereby is granted to Mt. Lassen Transit Company, a corporation, subject to the following conditions:

1- That the service authorized herein shall be operated as a separate service from the main line service now being given by the applicant corporation; and that no authority is herein granted for its linking up in any way with said main line service.

2- Applicant herein shall file with the Railroad Commission its written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed ten (10) days from date hereof; shall file, in duplicate, tariff of rates and time schedules within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from date hereof, such tariff of rates and time schedules to be identical with those attached to the application herein; and shall commence operation of said service with the opening of the season of 1926.

3- The rights and privileges herein authorized may not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment has first been secured.

4- No vehicle may be operated by applicant herein unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is leased by him under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

5- For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

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

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COMMISSIONERS.