

Decision No. 11068

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
the Pickwick Stages System and West  
Coast Transit Company to publish  
Joint Passenger Fares between points  
on the line of the Pickwick Stages  
System and West Coast Transit Company,  
as set forth in the Application.

APPLICATION NO. 12274

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Jos. Hellens, for Southern Pacific Company, Protestant,  
C. E. Smith, for Northwestern Pacific RR. 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 and the West Coast Transit Company seeking authority to establish joint one way and round trip passenger fares, as specifically set forth in Exhibit A of the application and as amended, between Los Angeles, Paso Robles, Bakersfield, Taft, Cholane, Salinas, Lick and points intermediate, served by the Pickwick Stages System on the one hand, and on the other points north of Santa Rosa served by West Coast Transit Company.

A public hearing was held at Los Angeles January 28, 1926 before Examiner Geary, and the application having been duly

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submitted is now ready for an opinion and order.

The proposed fares as set forth in the application are based on less than the full combination of locals and will result in slight reductions in the present combination fares.

A witness for the applicants testified that there has been a continual demand from the public for the sale of through tickets, particularly from patrons traveling during the summer months to and from the numerous summer resort sections on the line of the West Coast Transit Company. Applicants estimate that between 300 and 400 passengers per month will be handled over the joint route during the vacation period and they contend that the sale of through tickets will be a decided advantage to the traveling public by eliminating the necessity of purchasing 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 San Francisco as at present, where both lines use the same terminal facilities.

Applicant, Pickwick Stages System, now has in effect joint interstate fares to and from points in Oregon in connection with the West Coast Stage Lines, Inc., but at present does not maintain any joint fares to or from points in Northern California in connection with the West Coast Transit Company.

The Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company protested the granting of the application upon the ground that the lower fares over the lines of applicants would reduce its revenue. However, the testimony submitted was not persuasive that protestant's interests would be seriously affected by the publication of these joint fares and the sale of through tickets.

Upon consideration of all the facts of record we are of the opinion that there is a necessity for the publication of joint fares and the sale of through tickets and that the application should be granted. This authority does not enlarge any of the rights of applicants and fares are not to be published to or from any points not served by applicants at the present time.

O R D E R

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

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants, Pickwick Stages and West Coast Transit Company, be and they are hereby authorized to publish and file tariffs setting forth the joint fares to be assessed over this through route, such fares to be the same as set forth in Exhibit A of the application and as amended, provided no fares are published to or from points not included in applicants present operating rights.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1926.

H. B. Prundige  
P. C. Casey  
Ernest West  
Leon White  
Commissioners