Decision No. 17071

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of T. J. TORPIE and A. SKEAHAN to sell, and J. O. JONES, D. H. JONES AND F. A. RUPLEY to purchase an automobile passenger line now operated between Emigrant Gap, California, and Foley's Camp, California; and application of J. O. JONES, D. H. JONES and F.A.RUPLEY for certificate of public convenience and necessity to carry and transport packages between said places in connection and conjunction with said passenger line; and for permission to change time schedule.

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

) Application

No.12968

T. J. Torpie and A. Skeahan, co-partners, have petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order approving the sale and transfer by them to J. O. Jones, D. H. Jones and F. A. Rupley, co partners, of an operating right for an automobile service for the transportation of passengers between Emigrant Gap and Foley's, Camp, and J. O. Jones, D. H. Jones and F. A. Rupley, co-partners, have asked for authority to purchase and acquire said operating right and to hereafter operate thereunder, the sale and transfer to be in accordance with an agreement of sale marked Exhibit "A", which exhibit is attached to the application herein and made a part thereof.

J. O. Jones, D. H. Jones and F. A. Rupley, co-partners, further petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by them of an automobile service for the transportation of packages weighing not to exceed 150 pounds each, between the points now being served by Torpie and Skeahan under authority of the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein sought to be transferred, said package service to be given in connection with and as part of the passenger service heretofore authorized.

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Applicants propose to charge for the package service herein sought rates as shown in Exhibit "B" attached to the application herein and to give service in accordance with a schedule marked Exhibit "C", which is also attached to the application herein.

The consideration to be paid for the property herein proposed to be transferred is given as \$2000, of which sum \$800 is said to represent the value of certain equipment and \$1200 is named as the value of the operating right.

The operating right herein sought to be transferred was granted to Torpie and Skeahan by the Railroad Commission in its Decision No.16255, dated March 19, 1926, and issued on Application No.12599. The certificate granted in Decision No.16255 author ized the operation of an

"*** sutomobile service for the transportation of passengers and baggage between Emigrant Gap and Foley's Camp and the intermediate points of Bowman's Dam and Fall Creek and certain construction camps, the sites for which are to be selected shortly, said operation to be contingent upon road and weather conditions."

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary, that the transfer of the operating right should be authorized and that a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Jones, Jones & Rupley to transport packages up to 150 pounds in weight should be granted.

IT IS MEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled application, insofar as it refers to the transfer of the operating right heretofore granted to Torpie & Skeahan in Decision No.16255 is concerned be, and the same hereby is granted, subject to the following conditions:

1- The consideration to be paid for the property herein authorized to be transferred shall never be urged before this Commission or any other rate fixing body as a measure of value of said property for rate fixing, or any purpose other than the transfer herein authorized.

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2- Applicants Torpie and Skeahan shall immediately withdraw tariff of rates and time schedules on file with the Commission covering service, certificate for which is herein authorized to be transferred. Such withdrawal to be in accordance with the provisions of General Order No.51.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by J. O. Jones, D. H. JONES and F. A. Rupley, co-partners, of an automobile service for the transportation of packages between Emigrant Gap and Foley's Camp and the intermediate points of Bowman's. Dam and Fall Creek and certain construction camps in territory contiguous thereto, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity for such a package service be, and the same hereby is granted to J. O. Jones, D. H. Jones and F. A. Rupley, co-partners, subject to the following conditions:

1- That the service herein authorized shall be given in connection with and as part of the service to be given by Jones, Jones & Rupley under authority of a certificate of public convenience and necessity herein authorized to be transferred to the partnership by Torpie & Skeahan; that the operating right herein granted shall not be considered as a separate operating right, and that only such packages may be transported as may be carried on the passenger cars used by the partnership.

2- Applicants, Jones, Jones & Rupley, shall file their written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed ten (10) days from the date hereof.

3- Applicants, Jones, Jones and Rupley shall file, in duplicate in their own names, within twenty (20) days from the date hereof, a tariff of rates which shall be, with reference to the rates covering the passenger and baggage service, identical with the rates filed by Torpie & Skeahan; and, with reference to rates for packages, identical with the package rates submitted with the application herein.

4- Applicants, Jones, Jones & Rupley shall file within twenty (20) days in their own names, in duplicate, time schedules which shall be identical with the time schedules attached to the application herein and shall start the service herein authorized within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

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

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

For all purposes, other than hereinabove stated, the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of June, 1926.

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COMMISSIONERS.