

Decision No. 17288

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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In the Matter of the Application )  
of F. J. Coulter as Agent for the )  
California Transit Company, a cor- )  
poration, and Sequoia National Park )  
Stage Company, a copartnership, for )  
authority to publish through joint )  
routes and joint fares. )

APPLICATION NO. 12916

Earl A. Bagby, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by F.J.Coulter, on behalf of the California Transit Company, a corporation, and Sequoia National Park Stage Company, a copartnership, seeking authority to establish joint one way and round trip passenger fares, as specifically set forth in Exhibit A and as amended of the application, between San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Tracy, Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, Bakersfield, Los Angeles and intermediate points, served by the California Transit Company on the one hand and on the other Lemon Cove, Mineral King and intermediate points served by the Sequoia National Park Stage Company.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Geary at San Francisco August 20, 1926 and the application having been duly submitted is now ready for our opinion and order.

The proposed fares as set forth in the application and as amended are based principally on a full combination of the local fares of the two companies. The Sequoia National Park Stage Company connects with the California Transit Company at Visalia and Exeter and its line extends to points within the Sequoia National Park.

Witnesses for applicants testified that during the summer months there is a heavy volume of travel into the National Park resorts; that a continual demand has been made for joint tickets and the establishment of a through route between these carriers, and that the sale of through transportation would be to the decided advantage of the traveling public.

It is not proposed to change in any manner the physical operation of the auto busses, and passengers will be transferred at the junction points as at the present time. The joint fares will meet a public convenience by eliminating the necessity of purchasing separate tickets.

No one appeared in opposition to the granting of the petition.

Upon consideration of all the facts of record we are of the opinion there is a public necessity for the establishment of a through route and the publication of joint fares, such fares to be reasonable and not in excess of the combination of the local fares, and that the application 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 applic-

ants and the Commission being fully advised,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
HEREBY DECLARES that there is a necessity for the establishment  
of a through route and for the publication of joint one way and  
round trip passenger fares as set forth in amended Exhibit A of  
the application, between San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose,  
Tracy, Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, Bakersfield, Los Angeles  
and intermediate points served by the California Transit Com-  
pany on the one hand and on the other Lemon Cove, Mineral King  
and intermediate points served by the Sequoia National Park  
Stage Company.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants, California  
Transit Company, a corporation, and Sequoia National Park Stage  
Company, a copartnership, be and they hereby are authorized to  
publish and file tariffs setting forth the joint fares to be  
assessed over this through route.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of August, 1926.

H. B. Indigo

C. L. Lewis

Thos. B. Houtz

Commissioners.