

Decision No. 12442

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
D. M. RIFE for permission to change)
automobile stage route, operated by)
said D. M. Rife between the City of) Application No. 13129
Fresno and the town of Riverdale, of)
Fresno County, State of California.)

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BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

D. M. Rife has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing him to abandon automobile stage service for the transportation of passengers and property to the town of Raisin City and to reroute the service he is now giving under authority of the Railroad Commission between Fresno and the town of Riverdale, via Raisin City, so as to provide for a shorter route, via Elm Avenue and Caruthers.

Applicant Rife gives as his reasons for the proposed changes the following:

That by using the present authorized route and serving Raisin City he is compelled to travel twenty-four (24) miles more each day to Riverdale than by the proposed new route.

That excluding the time required in traveling this extra mileage, six cents per mile is a conservative estimated of the cost of operating over the present route, making an extra monthly operating cost of \$38.44.

That the entire revenue received from serving Raisin City from the 25th day of May, 1926, to the 10th day of August, 1926, was \$8.45. Thirteen passengers were transported between Fresno and Raisin City in that period, the rate being sixty-five cents per passenger.

That during said 66 days (excluding Sundays) applicant has been compelled to travel 1584 miles extra, which at an estimated operating cost of six cents per mile makes a total of \$95.04, a loss to applicant of \$86.59.

Applicant Rife declares that there is no reason to believe that the traffic between Fresno and Raisin City and between Raisin City and the other points served by him will increase.

Supplementing his application, Rife, in a letter, states that Raisin City is served by a Southern Pacific branch line operating between Kerman and Hardwick. A train leaves Kerman at 6:45 A.M., and Raisin City at 7:15 A.M., arriving at Hardwick at 8:10 A.M. at which point stage connections for Fresno and other points can be made. Returning, the train leaves Hardwick at 12:45 P.M. and Raisin City at 1:40 P.M., arriving at Kerman at 2:15 P.M., where stage connections for Fresno and other points are available.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that D. M. Rife be, and he hereby is authorized to discontinue automobile service to Raisin City, which point he is now serving as an intermediate between Fresno and Riverdale, and to reroute his Fresno-Riverdale Stage Line, providing

- 1- That he immediately file supplement to tariffs now on file with the Railroad Commission in his name withdrawing rates to Raisin City; also new time schedule showing service in accordance with the order herein.
- 2- That he shall use the following route between Fresno and Riverdale: Leaving Fresno on Elm Avenue, thence southerly along Elm Avenue to Mt. View Avenue, thence westerly along Mt. View Avenue to Caruthers, thence southerly along Main county highway to Riverdale.
- 3- That this order authorizing discontinuance of service to Raisin City and rerouting of the Fresno-Riverdale Stage Line shall not be construed as in any way eliminating or changing the restrictions heretofore placed by the Railroad Commission on the operations of the Fresno-Riverdale Stage Line, D. M. Rife, Owner, which restrictions are specifically described in Decision No. 16777, dated May 25, 1926, and issued on Application No. 12837.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of October, 1926.

W. H. Anderson
Chairman
Ernest J. Cots
Thomas L. Heston
COMMISSIONERS.