

Decision No. 17527

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of Pickwick Stages System for  
Authority to Publish and File  
Joint Passenger Fares in connection  
with Valley and Coast Transit Com-  
pany and Smith's Auto Stage.

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APPLICATION NO. 13101

Warren E. Libby, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by Pickwick Stages System on behalf of itself, the Valley & Coast Transit Company and Smith's Auto Stage Line seeking authority to establish joint one way and round trip passenger fares as set forth in the application between (a) points served by the Pickwick Stages System on its Coast Division, Los Angeles, Bakersfield, San Francisco and the intermediate points on the one hand, and on the other hand Morro Bay, San Simeon and the intermediate points served by the Valley & Coast Transit Company, and (b) points served by the Pickwick Stages System on its Redwood Highway Division, San Francisco, Crescent Mills, Orleans and the intermediate points on the one hand and on the other Somes Bar, Forks of Salmon, Etna Mills and the intermediate points served by

Smith's Auto Stage Line.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Geary at Los Angeles September 28, 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 are based on the full combination of local fares over the junction point, San Luis Obispo, in connection with the Valley & Coast Transit Company, and Orleans in connection with Smith's Auto Stage Line.

Witnesses for applicants testified that approximately 80 per cent of the traffic handled by the Valley & Coast Transit Company and 33-1/3 per cent of the Smith's Auto Stage Line business originates at or is destined to points served by the Pickwick Stages System. It is in evidence that there is a continual demand for the sale of destination tickets and that the establishment of a through route via these carriers and the sale of joint tickets would be a decided advantage to 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.

There were no appearances in opposition to the granting of the application.

Upon consideration of all the facts of record, we are of the opinion and find there is a necessity for the publication of these joint 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 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 one way and round trip passenger fares, as set forth in the application, between (a) points served by the Pickwick Stages System on its Coast Division, Los Angeles, Bakersfield, San Francisco and the intermediate points on the one hand, and on the other Morro Bay, San Simeon and the intermediate points served by the Valley & Coast Transit Company, and (b) points served by the Pickwick Stages System on its Redwood Highway Division, San Francisco, Crescent Mills, Orleans and the intermediate points on the one hand and on the other, Somes Bar, Forks of Salmon, Etna Mills and the intermediate points served by Smith's Auto Stage Line.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants, Pickwick Stages System, Valley & Coast Transit Company and Smith's Auto Stage Line, 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 those set forth in the application.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1926.

H. B. Brundage  
C. Seary  
Emmett  
Thos. J. Rutter  
Commissioners.