

Decision No. 17672

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application )  
of SCOTT WILLIAMS for certificate )  
of public convenience to operate )  
a passenger bus service between )  
116th Street and Ingram Street and )  
116th Street and Compton Avenue, in )  
Los Angeles County. )

APPLICATION NO. 13237.

Scott Williams, Applicant, in Propria Persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Scott Williams has made application, as amended, to the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by him of a passenger bus service between 103rd Street in the city of Los Angeles and points in Los Angeles County.

A public hearing herein was conducted by Examiner Williams at Los Angeles.

Applicant for some time past has been conducting, under authority of the Board of Public Utilities of Los Angeles, a service for the transportation of passengers along Compton Avenue and Wilmington Avenue between 103rd and 116th Streets, and also along some other streets in the former city of Watts, recently annexed to the city of Los Angeles. Applicant now asks permission to extend this service a distance of about six blocks south

of the city limits into a well populated area, unincorporated, in the county of Los Angeles. Applicant was permitted to amend his application to include the entire operation under certificate, inasmuch as it consists of one unit.

Applicant proposes to furnish service at a rate of 5 cents per passenger, the rate applicable north and south between 103rd and Allen Streets, and to give transfers free to the line operating on 103rd Street eastwardly and south-erly to the intersection of Juniper Street and Santa Ana Avenue.

Applicant presented a number of witnesses in support of his application, of whom only three were called to the stand. These were J. J. Goodrich, J. L. Jackson and Mrs. Anna Laws, all residents of the area to which the extension is sought. According to these witnesses, there is now no means of reaching Watts from this area. They testified that while the district is well populated, it lacks sidewalks and is extremely muddy in rainy weather and extremely dusty in dry weather; that most of the residents are employed in Los Angeles and the establishment of the proposed service will provide them with direct access to the Watts-Los Angeles fast service on the Pacific Electric Railway, and also enable them to visit the amusement and business section of Watts of evenings; and that, in addition, school attendance will be facilitated by the service. These witnesses testified that applicant's existing service is satisfactory. No one appeared to protest the granting of the application.

We therefore find as a fact, upon the record herein, that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation by applicant Scott Williams of passenger transportation service as proposed in his amended application, and a certificate authorizing operation of said service in its entirety accordingly will be granted.

### O R D E R

Scott Williams having made application, as amended, to the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by him of a passenger bus service between 103rd or Main Street in the city of Los Angeles, (that particular portion formerly known as the city of Watts) and points south of the city limits of Los Angeles as far as Allen Street, and intermediate points, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and now being ready for decision.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation by applicant Scott Williams of a passenger bus service, as proposed in his amended application, between 103rd or Main Street in the city of Los Angeles (that particular portion formerly known as the city of Watts) and points south of the city limits of Los Angeles as far as Allen Street, and intermediate points, in Los Angeles County, over and along the following route:

Beginning at the intersection of Success and Main Streets (also known as 103rd Street), east to Compton Avenue, thence south via Compton Avenue and Ingram Street to Allen Street, thence east on Allen Street to Astor Street, thence south to unnamed street, thence east to Compton Avenue (a prolongation of Wilmington Avenue), thence north via Compton Avenue and Wilmington Avenue to Main or 103rd Street, thence west to the point of beginning; also along Main or 103rd Street east to Juniper Avenue, thence south to 105th Street, thence east to Gorman Avenue, thence south to 107th Street, thence east to Wiegand Street, thence south to Santa Ana Avenue, thence west to Juniper Avenue; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity therefor be and the same is hereby granted to said applicant Scott Williams, subject to the following conditions:

- I. Applicant shall file his written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed ten (10) days from date hereof.
- II. Applicant shall file, in duplicate, within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from date hereof, tariff of rates and time schedules, such tariff of rates and time schedules to be identical with those attached to the application herein, or rates and time schedules satisfactory to the Railroad Commission, and shall commence operation of the service hereby authorized within a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days from date hereof.
- III. The rights and privileges herein authorized may not be sold, leased, transferred nor assigned, nor service thereunder discontinued, unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such sale, lease, transfer, assignment or discontinuance has first been secured.
- IV. No vehicle may be operated by applicant under the authority hereby granted unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is leased by him under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1926.

H. B. Brundage  
Chairman  
Ernest D. ...  
Leon ...  
Thos. D. ...  
COMMISSIONERS.