

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 18092

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 PICKWICK STAGES SYSTEM, a corporation,
 and KERN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION,
 a corporation, for the former to lease to,
 and the latter to hire from certain operative
 rights of the former for the transportation
 of passengers and express matter between
 Bakersfield and Paso Robles and intermediate
 points, and between Taft, Coalinga and Lost
 Hills and intermediate points.)
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BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

Pickwick Stages System, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order approving the lease by it to Kern County Transportation Corporation, a corporation, of operating rights for the operation of an automobile service between

- 1- Bakersfield and Paso Robles, and between
- 2- Taft, Lost Hills and Coalinga,

and Kern County Transportation Corporation, a corporation, has applied for authority to enter into such lease with Pickwick Stages System and to hereafter operate said automobile service between Taft, Lost Hills and Coalinga and between Paso Robles and Bakersfield.

The lease provides for the payment of a yearly rental of \$1 to Pickwick Stages System by Kern County Transportation Corporation. The lease has a provision that it is to remain in effect for one year and thereafter from year to year or until notice of termination of said lease, in writing, is served on the Railroad Commission by either of the parties to the lease. It also provides that the service performed under said leased rights and the rates charged and rules and regulations enforced shall be the same as the service and rates and rules and regulations shown in the tariffs and time schedules of Pickwick

Stages System now on file with the Railroad Commission.

In support of the proposed lease, applicants point out that the service given by Pickwick Stages System under the operating rights involved in the lease is essentially a local or branch line service so far as Pickwick Stages System is concerned. As such, it needs and requires - if the best interest of the traveling public is to be considered, an attention and supervision that can only be given by local management, such as is proposed to be given by Kern County Transportation ^{Corporation}, if the proposed lease is approved. Kern County Transportation Corporation has been operating an automobile service in the Bakersfield-Taft territory under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission for many years and is fully qualified to assume the additional service demands entailed by the proposed lease.

The Bakersfield-Paso Robles operating right herein proposed to be leased was acquired by purchase by Pickwick Stages System, the Railroad Commission, in its Decision No. 17428, dated October 5, 1925, and issued on Application No. 9795, approving the transfer of the right by Charles A. Hare to Pickwick Stages System. It was originally granted to Hare by the Railroad Commission in its Decision No. 9913, dated December 23, 1921, and issued on Application No. 7388. It provides for the transportation of passengers and baggage.

The Taft-Los Hills-Coalinga operating right, herein proposed to be leased, was granted to Pickwick Stages System by the Railroad Commission in its Decision No. 15575, issued on Application No. 10693. It authorizes the transportation of passengers and express matter between Lost Hills and Coalinga, in conjunction with and as a part of an existing service between Taft and Lost Hills, and contains the provision that it is to be operated as a separate operating right and not linked up with or consolidated with Pickwick Stages System's operating rights between Bakersfield and Paso Robles.

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 the above entitled application 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 leased 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.
- 2- Applicant Pickwick Stages System shall immediately file supplement to the tariffs on file with the Commission in its name, cancelling tariffs covering points affected by the order herein. Kern County Transportation Corporation shall immediately issue in its own name tariffs covering said points, which rates shall be the same as those now on file in the name of Pickwick Stages System.
- 3- Applicant Pickwick Stages System shall immediately withdraw time schedules filed in its name with the Railroad Commission, and applicant Kern County Transportation Corporation shall immediately file, in duplicate, in its own name, time schedules covering service heretofore given by applicant Pickwick Stages System between all points affected by the order herein, which time schedules shall be identical with the time schedules now on file with the Railroad Commission in the name of applicant Pickwick Stages System, or time schedules satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.
- 4- 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.
- 5- No vehicle may be operated by applicant Kern County Transportation Corporation unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is leased under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.
- 6- No authority is herein conveyed for the elimination of any restrictions heretofore imposed by the Railroad Commission on the operating rights herein leased, nor is the authority herein conveyed to be construed as in any way authorizing any different or other service by Kern County Transportation Corporation than has been given by Pickwick Stages System under authority of the certificate herein authorized to be leased.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of March, 1927.



