

Decision No. 18872

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
A. E. CANFIELD for order authorizing )  
discontinuance of line between Har- )  
riston and Santa Maria. )

Application No. 8534  
(Supplemental)

Frank B. Austin, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

By and under Decision No. 11427 the above named applicant was granted certain operative rights to carry on an automotive business over the public highways of this State, one being the right to operate between the termini of Harriston and Santa Maria. This application requests an order from the Railroad Commission authorizing the abandonment of this right.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Vaughan at Santa Maria, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

The record shows that for the four months preceding the date of hearing the passenger revenues received by applicant between these points were \$50. a month and the operating expenses \$80. per month, resulting in net loss of \$30. per month.

It is further shown that the cost of handling express matter is much greater than the revenues received. These figures cover the season when the traffic over this route is the heaviest. In view of the fact that the Pickwick System operates between these two points, the public will in no way suffer by reason of such abandonment. The applicant stated at the hearing that he would arrange the schedules of his other lines so that they will connect with the Pickwick service between the points in question, should this application be granted.

It is our opinion that it is unreasonable to expect applicant to continue operating at so great a loss and that the application should be granted.

An order will be granted accordingly.

#### ORDER

Application having been made to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing A. E. Canfield to discontinue operation of an automobile service for the transportation of persons and property between Harriston and Santa Maria, a public hearing having been held thereon and the Railroad Commission being of the opinion that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that A. E. Canfield be and he hereby is authorized to discontinue operation of the automotive service for the transportation of persons and property heretofore conducted by him between Harriston and Santa Maria; provided that A.E. Canfield shall re-adjust schedules operated by him so as to provide proper and convenient connections with the schedules of Pickwick Stages System, and provided further,

1. That applicant Canfield shall immediately file schedules with the Railroad Commission showing

connections with Pickwick Stages System, and

2. That applicant Canfield shall immediately file with the Railroad Commission a supplement to his tariff withdrawing therefrom rates and charges covering service to points, service between which he is herein authorized to discontinue.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October  
1927.

Emmerts  
Channing  
Leon White  
W. H. Kautz  
M. A. Lee  
Commissioners.