

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 18935

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application)
of HARRY DRAKE for certificate of)
public convenience and necessity)
to operate automobile passenger)
service between Ferry Landing,)
(E. San Pedro) and Harris Place,)
(Terminal Island), Genoa Place,)
Terminal Island, Bascule Bridge,)
(Long Beach), and 7th and Anaheim)
Sts., (Wilmington, California), and)
intermediate points.)

APPLICATION NO. 14005.

James Vinten, for Harry Drake, Applicant.

A. L. Owens, for Motor Coach Company, interested party.

Guy C. Lyons, for Highland Transportation Company, interested party.

Robert D. Coy, for San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, interested party.

M. C. Brucker, for Pacific Electric Railway Company, interested party.

John W. Weightman, for Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, interested party.

H. A. Shelley, for Wilmington Bus Company, interested party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Applicant herein seeks to establish automobile service for the transportation of passengers between Wilmington, a portion of the city of Los Angeles at Los Angeles harbor, and certain other destinations in the city of Los Angeles, traversing a route that requires entering the city of Long Beach in

order to serve the industrial section at Long Beach harbor.

A public hearing herein was conducted by Examiner Williams at Wilmington.

Applicant is now conducting, under authority of the Board of Public Utilities of the city of Los Angeles, a bus service between the ferry landing at East San Pedro and Genoa Place (Terminal Island) via Seaside Avenue. This operation is wholly within the city of Los Angeles.

Applicant now proposes to add to this service at Harris Place in a northeasterly direction to the city limits of Long Beach and over the bascule bridge past the new Ford assembling plant at Long Beach harbor, thence north to Anaheim Street and across Anaheim Street to a junction with Hyatt Street in the Wilmington district. Applicant proposes to operate the entire service as one unit, transferring at Harris Place to and from the route between Harris Place and Anaheim and Hyatt Streets in Wilmington. Applicant proposes to use three 12-passenger busses, and while the application specifies three Ford vehicles, applicant testified that he expected to use a larger and better type of equipment.

The service proposed by applicant is intended to transport passengers to and from the new Ford assembling plant and other industries in the vicinity of the bascule bridge. In his Exhibit "A" applicant proposes a fare of 5 cents in either direction to the bascule bridge, including transfer at Harris Place to or from east or west points. The fare break on this service is fixed at the north end of

the bascule bridge, thus giving a 5-cent fare to all passengers going to the Ford plant. Between the ferry landing at East San Pedro, Harris Place or Genoa Place, and Anaheim and Hyatt Streets, Wilmington, the fare is to be 10 cents. In addition, applicant proposes to sell books of 20 tickets each for 75 cents, thus fixing a commutation rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents to the bridge fare break in either direction. These books will be for use by any person within ninety days after date of sale.

Applicant proposes two morning and two evening schedules, intended to meet the convenience of industrial workers, but testified that he would establish such other schedules and provide such additional equipment as the traffic might require, also that he had the cash available to buy all equipment necessary.

Applicant was supported by the testimony of J. T. Cherry, for forty years a resident of Terminal Island, who testified that the service proposed, while not a necessity to a large number of persons at the present time, would, when the Ford plant is completed, perform a very important service for all the communities where employees of this factory may reside. This plant is a large assembling plant now under construction by the Ford Motor Company and is expected to employ from 600 to 2,000 men. The service proposed by applicant would be of some benefit to workmen now employed there, and it is the only service through this area that will be available to the public. Were it not for the fact that for about three-

quarters of a mile it will pass through the city of Long Beach, it would not come within the jurisdiction of this Commission. The entire distance to be traversed is about 7.0 miles.

Applicant was also supported by a petition filed as an exhibit, signed by 14 industrial plants along the route, asking that the certificate applied for be granted. The Chambers of Commerce of Wilmington and San Pedro expressed no opposition.

The only opposition to the granting of the application was made by Guy C. Lyons, owner of the Highland Transportation Company, a bus service operating exclusively within the city of Los Angeles over Anaheim Boulevard. Applicant's proposed service would parallel protestant's service between Hyatt Street and a point 600 feet east of End Avenue. Immediately upon the entering of this protest applicant stipulated that he would do no local business between these points and would accept passengers only when destined to or from points east of this exception. Thereupon the protest was withdrawn.

While the testimony produced by applicant does not indicate any great present need for the service proposed, in view of the lack of opposition and the readiness of the applicant to begin the operation without delay and sustain any operating losses that may be involved, we believe the certificate as applied for should be granted, with the restrictions agreed to by applicant. An order will be entered accordingly.

O R D E R

Harry Drake having made application to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate automobile passenger service between Ferry Landing (East San Pedro) and Harris Place (Terminal Island), Genoa Place (Terminal Island), bascule bridge, (Long Beach), and Seventh and Anaheim Streets (Wilmington), 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 Harry Drake of an automobile service as proposed herein, for the transportation of passengers between Ferry Landing, East San Pedro, and Hyatt and Anaheim Streets, Wilmington, and intermediate points, over and along the following route:

From Seaside Avenue to Genoa Place;
Northwesterly along Harris Place to Ocean;
thence northeasterly along Ocean a distance
of one block to Mormon Street; thence
northwesterly along Mormon Street to Dock
Street; thence northeasterly along Dock
Street to Badger Street; thence northerly
along Badger Street to Anaheim Street; thence
westerly along Anaheim Street to applicant's
terminus at Anaheim and Hyatt Streets, Wil-
mington, returning over exactly the same
route;

provided, however, that no passengers may be transported between Anaheim Boulevard and Hyatt Street and a point 600 feet east of End Avenue, except such as originate at or are

destined to points east of such restricted distance; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity for such service be and the same hereby is granted to said applicant Harry Drake, subject to the following conditions:

- I. Applicant shall file with this Commission, within ten (10) days from the date hereof, his written acceptance of the certificate herein granted.
- 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 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 19th day of October 1927.

Emmuel C. ...
Clarence ...
Leon ...
Thos D. ...
M. J. ...
Commissioners.