

ORIGINALDecision No. 14192

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 GEORGE S. JONES CO., a corporation,
 to discontinue service now being
 rendered by the applicant between
 Petaluma and Boyes Springs from the
 first day of October to the first day
 of April each year.)
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) Application No. 14192
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George S. Jones, for Applicant.
 Herman Schieck, an interested party.

BY THE COMMISSION -

O P I N I O N

George S. Jones Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the discontinuance of auto stage service between Petaluma and Boyes Springs and intermediate points, during the months of October to March, inclusive, of each year.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Handford at Petaluma, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicant alleges, as justification for the granting of the application that (1) the principal traffic handled is during the summer months in the transportation of passengers to summer resorts in the Sonoma Valley; (2) that the operation of the line during the winter months of the past three years has been conducted at a loss; (3) that the revenue derived from the operation during the summer months is insufficient to care for the losses sustained during the winter season; and (4) that the granting of the application will enable applicant to give a better service during the summer months, will avoid the necessity of a complete abandonment of service with resultant inconvenience to

the public and loss of the amount invested by applicant.

Geo. S. Jones, a witness for applicant, testified as to the limited passenger traffic available during the winter months; that the receipts for the period Nov. 1, 1926, to April 1, 1927, inclusive, were less than \$200.00 ; that the receipts for the month of October, 1927, were but \$86.05; and that while he considered the operation during the summer months to be profitable, such profit was not sufficient to enable operation during the winter months during which discontinuance of service was sought.

The record of receipts and expenses, as shown by the annual reports of applicant on file with this Commission show the following results:

	<u>YEARS</u>		
	<u>1924</u>	<u>1925</u>	<u>1926</u>
Receipts	\$1407.85	\$1254.80	\$1079.55
Expenses	<u>2184.55</u>	<u>2491.04</u>	<u>2432.83</u>
Deficit	\$ 776.70	\$1236.24	\$1353.28

Although notice of the hearing on this application was sent to all parties who might be interested there was no protest against the granting of the application.

From the record herein it is apparent that continued service during the entire year cannot be given indefinitely with the constantly increasing deficits from operation, and we hereby find as a fact that the relief herein sought by applicant is justified.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held on the above entitled application, the matter having been duly submitted, the Commission being now fully advised and basing its order on the finding of fact as appearing in the opinion which precedes this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that George S. Jones Company, a corporation, be and it hereby is authorized to discontinue the operation of its auto stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Petaluma and Boyes Springs and intermediate points during the period October 1st to March 31st of each year, such authority to continue until otherwise ordered by this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of December, 1927.

Edward J. Scott
Ed Seaver

Thos. J. Quinn

W. A. Carr
COMMISSIONERS.