

Decision No. 19169.**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of  
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for author-  
ity to discontinue operation of lo-  
cal passenger train service during  
the summer season between Truckee  
and Tahoe, California, except trains  
carrying through cars between Tahoe  
and San Francisco, or elsewhere, and  
except in cases where the passenger  
business offered is more than can  
conveniently be handled by motor coach.)

Application No. 14215.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

The Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, filed the above entitled application on November 14th, 1927, asking for authority to discontinue operation of local passenger train service during the summer season between Truckee and Tahoe, California, except trains carrying through cars between Tahoe and San Francisco, or elsewhere, and except in cases where the passenger business offered is more than can be handled conveniently by motor coach.

Southern Pacific Motor Transport Company, on October 5th, 1927, filed Application No. 14126 for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate motor stage service for passengers and their baggage between the passenger stations of Southern Pacific Company at Truckee, in Nevada County, California, and at Tahoe and Tahoe City, in Placer County, California, and intermediate Southern Pacific passenger stations or railroad stopping points. On November 5th, 1927, the same company filed supplemental application, requesting further authority for the transportation of express between the points above mentioned and to and from

such intermediate points as the American Express Company may have established for its express business, said express service to be handled by American Railway Express Company under lease from Southern Pacific Motor Transport Company.

Public hearing on Application No. 14126 was held at Truckee on November 10th, 1927, before Commissioner Carr. This hearing also covered an application (No. 14105) of one Charles Balish for a certificate to operate passenger and express service between Truckee and Tahoe City to Tallac. At this hearing it was understood that the Southern Pacific Company should file the instant application and that the evidence adduced in the record in Applications No. 14126 and No. 14105 would be considered as evidence in this proceeding in so far as relevant. The record indicated that the application of Charles Balish should be denied and that the Southern Pacific Motor Transport Company should be certificated to carry on an automobile stage service for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express between Southern Pacific Company's passenger stations at Truckee, in Nevada County, and at Tahoe and Tahoe City in Placer County, and intermediate Southern Pacific passenger stations and railroad stops, and an order containing these findings has been submitted by the presiding Commissioner for the approval of the Commission. The record in these proceedings indicates that the application now being considered should be granted, providing the Southern Pacific Motor Transport Company is authorized to and does inaugurate the motor bus service proposed in Application No. 14126. The two services would be parallel and competitive and sufficient business is not offered to warrant the operation of both.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue opera-

tion of local passenger trains which it operates during the summer season, between Truckee and Tahoe and Tahoe City, consisting of three round trips daily, if and when the motor stage service, applied for in Application No. 14126, is authorized and placed in service, said authority to discontinue said train service to be made effective in accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 27 of this Commission, provided, however, that in the event that a greater number of passengers are presented for transportation between Truckee and Tahoe than can be readily and conveniently handled by motor stages of Southern Pacific Motor Transport Company, Southern Pacific Company shall make immediate arrangements to transport said passengers by special train on the same schedule as that of corresponding motor stage.

The authority herein granted to discontinue train service shall not be construed as an authorization of the discontinuance of any passenger train service on said branch on which through cars between San Francisco, or elsewhere, and Tahoe are operated.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 1927.

Emmery  
Chase  
Leon White  
Thos. J. Larkin  
M. A. Linn  
 Commissioners.