

Decision No. 19230

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
 RIEL DANI, Operator of the Jolon Stage  
 Line, for consent to abandon franchise  
 for the carriage of persons and property  
 from and between King City and Jolon,  
 California.

} Application  
 No.14183

ORIGINAL

Riel Dani, Applicant, in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION -

O P I N I O N

Applicant herein seeks permission from the Railroad Commission to abandon service for the transportation of passengers and freight between King City and Jolon, alleging as his reason the unprofitable nature of the business and the lack of demand for a continuance of his service.

A public hearing herein was conducted by Examiner Williams at King City, at which time the matter was duly submitted and now is ready for decision.

The operation of the service proposed to be abandoned was begun prior to May 1, 1917 by applicant and the operative right thus created was subsequently transferred by him to another operator who transferred the right to a third operator, the Commission approving all the transfers. The operating right was subsequently revoked and Dani applied for and was granted a new certificate by the Commission in Decision No.12349, dated July 13, 1925, and issued on Application No.9193. Applicant explained that the transportation of both freight and passengers has always been incidental to the transportation of the United States

mail to the postoffice at Jolon and that previous to the past three years enjoyed a passenger traffic of some volume, due to a number of ranches that were transporting employees and also some subsistence. These ranches have all been sold and amalgamated into the Hearst San Simeon ranch which now conducts its own transportation for its employees and subsistence, with the result that applicant now receives only three or four passengers a month. Between April 1st and June 30, 1927, applicant transported but 11 passengers, and freight amounting in revenue to only \$12.45.

Applicant stated, that under his contract for the transportation of United States mail, he is required to receive mail at the depot at King City upon the arrival of the trains and forthwith transport the mail to Jolon. This makes it impracticable for him to maintain a terminal at either point or to establish an exact leaving time as the arrival of the mail fluctuates widely. Applicant also proposes to discontinue the use of a five-passenger vehicle and put in service a light vehicle adapted to mail delivery only and not suitable for passenger or freight traffic. His revenue from mail transportation, approximating \$132.00 a month, is not sufficient, even with the added revenue from passengers or freight, to pay the expenses of operation and leave any margin for the operator.

Full consideration of the facts presented by applicant indicates that there no longer exists a public demand for the continuation of the service and that there has been no patronage sufficient to sustain it for a long period and that the applicant should be permitted to discontinue the service

and cancel his rates therefor. An order to permit him to dis-  
continue will be entered.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant herein, Riel Dani,  
be and he is hereby authorized, effective January 10, 1928, to  
cancel and withdraw all rates heretofore filed by him for an  
automobile service for the transportation of passengers, freight  
and express between King City and Jolon; that he is further  
authorized to discontinue said service on and after January 10,  
1928, and that all right and authority heretofore possessed by  
said applicant be and the same is hereby revoked and annuled.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of January, 1928.

Leon Whittell

Olson

Thos. S. Louie

M. J. Lee  
Commissioners.