

Decision No. 19852.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of)
 FAY HAYNES and A. C. STROMWALL for a)
 certificate of public convenience and)
 necessity to operate an automobile)
 passenger, freight and express line)
 between the City of Fresno and the)
 Fresno City Municipal Airport, as a)
 common carrier.)

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Application No. 14542.

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 Fresno, California, for Applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Fay Haynes and A. C. Stromwall, copartners, have petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by them of an automobile stage and truck line for the transportation of passengers, freight and express between the City of Fresno and Fresno City Municipal Airport.

Applicant proposes to charge rates and to operate on a time schedule in accordance with Exhibits "A" and "B" attached to said application.

The equipment proposed to be used by said applicant shall consist of one five passenger Hudson Super-Six Sedan, and also a sixteen passenger bus, said bus being now in course of construction, and such other equipment as may be necessary.

The proposed route over which the said applicants will operate is described more particularly as follows, to-wit:

From the City of Fresno, via H Street, to Belmont Avenue and State Highway; thence along said State Highway Northwest to Barstow Avenue; thence Westward along Barstow Avenue to Fresno City Municipal Airport, and from said Fresno City Municipal Airport, via Barstow Avenue, to the State Highway; thence down the State Highway to Belmont and H Streets; thence down H Street to the City of Fresno.

A public hearing of said application was conducted before Examiner Satterwhite at Fresno, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

No one appeared in opposition to the granting of said application.

The applicants testified in their own behalf and called other witnesses in support of their proposed service.

The evidence shows that the Fresno Municipal Airport has recently been established and is located on Barstow Avenue about one-half mile west of the State Highway and about seven miles northwest from the City of Fresno.

On April 15th the Maddux Air Lines inaugurated an air service between San Diego and San Francisco for the transportation of passengers and express. A regular schedule is maintained by this Air Line with Fresno as one of its regular stopping points and airplanes carrying from ten to twelve passengers are being operated.

The Pacific Air Transport carries the United States mail between Los Angeles and San Francisco and maintains a regular schedule of through air service with Fresno as one of its regular stopping points. Beacon Airways, Inc., conducts a

flyng school and maintains a hangar at the Municipal Airport and does a considerable business in air traffic. The record also shows that numerous transient planes operate to and from this airport.

At the present time there is no established passenger or freight service between the points proposed to be served and the proposed service will enable passengers desiring to reach Fresno by airplane to have a prompt and efficient motor transportation from this airport to the City of Fresno. The testimony shows that there is a demand for the transportation of express packages and also various freight shipments. The American Railway Express Company has endorsed this proposed service in order to have an available and prompt means of conveying express matter between the municipal airport and the City of Fresno. All of the leading hotels of Fresno have endorsed the proposed service and the record shows that there is an increasing demand for the transportation of passengers, freight and express between the Municipal Airport and Fresno.

After careful consideration of the evidence we are of the opinion and hereby find as a fact that the public necessity and convenience require the service proposed by applicants and the application should be granted.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Fay Haynes and A. C. Stromwall, copartners,

of automobile stage and truck service as a common carrier of passengers, express and freight between the City of Fresno and Fresno City Municipal Airport.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same is hereby granted to said Fay Haynes and A. C. Stromwall, copartners, for the operation of the service hereinabove described subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicants shall file their written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed ten (10) days from date hereof.
2. Applicants shall file, in duplicate, within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from the date hereof, tariff of rates and time schedules, such tariffs of rates and time schedules to be those attached to the application herein, or rates and time schedules satisfactory to the Railroad Commission, and shall commence operation of said service within a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date hereof.
3. The rights and privileges herein authorized may not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment has first been secured.
4. No vehicle may be operated by applicants herein unless such vehicle is owned by said applicants or is leased by them under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of January, 1928.

Leon White
Ed. Seaver
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Thos. B. Lovell
W. J. Linn
Commissioners.