

Decision No. 20204

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 CHAS. B. HOLBROOK and V. H. SHULER
 for an order granting permission to
 abandon passenger stage service on
 line operated between Walnut Park
 and Home Gardens, now known as city
 of South Gate.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 15012

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

Chas. B. Holbrook and V. H. Shuler, co-partners, operators of an automotive passenger stage service between Walnut Park and Home Gardens, in the county of Los Angeles, have petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order permitting them to discontinue the service, declaring that because of competition by a municipal line operated by the City of South Gate profitable operation is not possible.

The service herein proposed to be abandoned is performed under authority of an operating right acquired by Railroad Commission Decision No. 14527, dated February 2nd, 1925, and issued on Application No. 10795. It is one of several routes operated by the Holbrook & Shuler Transportation Company. It is not proposed to discontinue service over the other routes.

Applicants submit with their application a statement showing that their operations between Walnut Park and Home Gardens have been conducted at a loss of \$805.09 since March, 1928, a six-month period. Further, applicants declare:

That this so called Home Gardens Line has never at any time been operated at a profit and since the establishment of a direct competition service, either via same or paralleling or intersecting streets, by the South Gate Municipal Bus Lines, operations have been conducted at a decided loss.

That effective as of June 15th but actually prior to such date, (about June 1st) the aforementioned Municipal Bus Line changed its schedules to operate approximately two (2) minutes ahead of applicants schedule making it impossible for applicants to secure sufficient revenue to continue operations. That there is insufficient population in said territory to support two bus lines and the discontinuance of applicants service will in no respects deprive the public of necessary transportation, the municipal lines being sufficient to care for their every need.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Chas. B. Holbrook and V. H. Shuler, co-partners, be and they are hereby granted permission to discontinue operation of the automotive passenger stage service between Walnut Park and Home Gardens, they were authorized to perform under authority of Decision No.14527, dated February 2, 1925, and issued on Application No.10795, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the certificate of public convenience and necessity heretofore acquired by Chas. B. Holbrook and V. H. Shuler by said Decision No.14527 be and the same is hereby revoked and annulled, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Holbrook and Shuler shall immediately cancel rates and time schedules on file in their names with the Railroad Commission covering service between Walnut Park and Home Gardens, as authorized by Decision No.14527.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of September, 1928.

Leon Whiteley
Chairman
Spencer D. ...
Commissioners.