

Decision No. 20722

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

In the Matter of the Application of }
H. W. EICHBAUM for permission to dis- }
continue service between Los Angeles } Application No. 15335
and Lone Pine.

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

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H. W. Eichbaum, operating an automotive passenger stage service between Los Angeles and Stove Pipe Wells, via Mojave and Lone Pine, has, in the instant proceeding, petitioned for an order of the Commission authorizing him to discontinue service over that part of the route between Los Angeles and Lone Pine, and permitting him to continue the service between Lone Pine and Stove Pipe Wells and certain intermediate points.

Applicant Eichbaum declares that public convenience and necessity does not require continuance of his operation between Los Angeles and Lone Pine, asserting that the service given by California Transit Company, a certificated automotive stage line, and the Southern Pacific Company, a rail line, in this territory being adequate to take care of all traffic offering. There is still need, however, Eichbaum further declares, for the service given by him between Lone Pine and Stove Pipe Wells and intermediate points. With proper connection at Lone Pine with the remaining services, this would appear to be a logical solution of the Death Valley transportation problem. It is in line with a suggestion contained in Railroad Commission Decision No. 20024, granting authority to California Transit to extend its service to Owens Valley.

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. It must be understood, however, that the order herein does not eliminate in any way the restrictions as to intermediate point

service between Lone Pine and Stove Pipe Wells contained in the Commission's order in Decision No.15860.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that H.W.Eichbaum be and he is hereby authorized to discontinue operation of the automotive passenger stage service between Los Angeles and Lone Pine he has been conducting as part of the service between Los Angeles and Stove Pipe Wells and intermediate points authorized to be performed by him by Decision No.15860 issued on Application No.11825, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that said H.W.Eichbaum shall make such tariff and time schedule filings as are required by the Railroad Commission to cover elimination of rates and schedules affected by the order herein.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of January, 1929.

Thos S. Boutell
C. C. Smith
E. M. Nichols
Leon Whittlesey
M. A. Linn
COMMISSIONERS.