Decision No. 20867

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

-------000-

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA TRANSIT CO., a corporation, to abendon operative rights as a passenger stage corporation between Fresno and Biola, and the application of J. K. Nuckolls for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to establish operative rights as a passenger stage corporation between Fresno and Biola.

CRICINAL

) Application No. 15,306.

Earl A. Bagby for California Transit Company, and J. K. Nuckolls, Applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION

By the above entitled application the Commission is requested to grant to California Transit Company the right to abandon stage service between Fresno and Biola, a service which this applicant has been rendering in conjunction with its entire San Joaquin Valley operation. By this application the Commission is requested also to grant to J.K.Nuckolls a certificate of public convenience and necessity to render a stage service between the same points.

A public hearing thereon was held in Fresno before Examiner Rowell. Evidence was introduced by applicant California Transit Company in support of its application to abandon, but no witnesses appeared on behalf of Mr. Nuckolls to testify as to the need of the proposed substituted service.

It appears that the California Transit Company has been operating this branch line at a substantial loss, its average revenue being about five (5) cents per bus mile. The service has been used by an average of less than three passengers daily. No objection having been made to the discontinuance of the service, the application of the California Transit Company will be granted.

No evidence having been offered in support of the application of J. K. Nuckells requesting that a new certificate be granted to this applicant, that part of the application will be denied.

## ORDER

A public hearing having been helds upon the above entitled application, the matter submitted and now being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby finds that public convenience and necessity require that California Transit Company discontinue and abandon its automotive passenger stage service between Fresno and Biola, provided, however, that the discontinuance of such service shall, in no way, affect the operative rights of the applicant over any part of its transportation system, other than between said points, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the California Transit
Company be and the same is hereby granted permission to
discontinue and abandon the said automotive stage service

between Fresno and Biola, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that California Transit Company shall cancel tariffs and time schedules covering said service between Fresno and Biola, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the application of said J. K. Nuckolls for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to render an automobile stage service between Fresno and Biola be and the same is hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16 May of March, 1929.