

Decision No. 20655.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application
of CALIFORNIA MEDICAL MISSIONARY
AND BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, a
corporation, for permission and
authority to discontinue and
abandon the operation and service
of the Automotive passenger Stage
Line, heretofore operated by it,
between the Town of St. Helena
and St. Helena Sanitarium, County
of Napa, State of California.

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Application No. 15415.

Henry C. Gesford, for Applicant.

C. E. Brown, for San Francisco, Napa
and Calistoga Railway.

W. B. Twitchell, for Aetna & Pope Stage,
Interested Party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, a non-profit organization, asks for authority to discontinue operation of its automotive service for the transportation of passengers between the City of St. Helena and St. Helena Sanitarium, three and one-half miles distant. A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Cannon at St. Helena, and after the taking of evidence the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Myron C. Lysinger, Manager of St. Helena Sanitarium, which is conducted by applicant, testified that the stage line was maintained for the convenience of the patrons of the sanitarium; that the service was operated at a loss, and

that there is no possibility of the line ever becoming profitable because of the fact that most of the patrons of the sanitarium arrive and depart in their own cars. An exhibit filed by applicant showed that the operating loss in 1926 was \$1584.78; in 1927 \$561.59, and in 1928 \$674.92. The witness further testified that the public would not be inconvenienced by the discontinuance of the service since arrangements had been made to provide taxicab service for patrons coming to and going from the institution.

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

It is apparent from a full consideration of the facts presented that further operation of the service is not required. The patronage accorded does not justify such operation and the order in this proceeding will therefore authorize its discontinuance.

O R D E R

The above entitled matter having been heard and taken under submission, and the Commission being fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue operation of the automotive passenger stage which it has been operating between St. Helena and St. Helena Sanitarium under authority of C. R. C. Decision No. 9984, issued on Application No. 7463, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that said California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association shall immediately,

by proper tariff filing, cancel rates and time schedules on file in its name with the Railroad Commission covering said service, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the certificate of public convenience and necessity heretofore granted to Wheeler Brothers under Decision No. 8577 and acquired by applicant under Decision No. 9984 be and the same is hereby revoked and annulled.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of April, 1929.

Thos D. Loutin

C. Seaver

Frank C. ...

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Commissioners.