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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of CALIFORNIA TRANSIT CO., a corporation, for permission to abandon its operative rights, as a passenger stage corporation, between Taft and Maricopa.

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) Application No.15539
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BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

This proceeding is an application by California Transit Co., a corporation, engaged in operating automotive passenger stage service in various parts of the State of California, for an order of the Commission authorizing it to abandon operation of its stages between Maricopa and Taft.

By Decision No.16725, issued on Application No.12612, California Transit Co. acquired from Motor Transit Company an operating right for service between Maricopa and Taft then under lease to C. E. Sansome. By Decision No.16354, issued on Application No.13757, the Railroad Commission approved the leasing arrangement and the service has been performed by Sansome, who holds, in his own name, a certificate authorizing a similar service. The lease has now expired and rather than resume the service California Transit Co. seeks authority to abandon it, justifying its request by a declaration that traffic between Taft and Maricopa does not justify operation of two lines; that there is no demand for more common carrier service than is being given by operator Sansome. Resumption of service by applicant, it declares, would result in needless duplication of service with resultant operating loss to both carriers. Applicant further declares that the discontinuance asked for will in no way affect the operation of its general transportation system.

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 the application of California Transit Co., a corporation, for authority to discontinue operation of its automotive passenger stage service between Maricopa and Taft be and the same is hereby granted, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that California Transit Co. shall immediately file supplements to its tariffs and time schedules cancelling rates and schedules heretofore published between said points.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of April, 1939.

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