

Decision No. 21087**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Pickwick)
 Stages System, a corporation, to reroute) Application
 certain portions of its lines.) No.15601

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

This is an application by Pickwick Stages System for an order of the Railroad Commission authorizing it to re-route its stages between San Francisco and the California-Oregon state line near Cole, via Carquinez Bridge, thence via Benicia instead of by way of Martinez, thence by ferry to Benicia.

By Decisions No.7209 and No.21027 of this Commission applicant is required to route its stages from San Francisco north as follows: via Oakland, Martinez, Benicia, Fairfield, Vacaville, Dixon, Davis, Woodland, Yolo, Blacks, Dunnigan, Arbuckle, Williams, Willows, Germantown, Corning, Tehama, Proberta, Red Bluff, Cottonwood, Redding, Baird, Delta, Castella, Dunsmuir, Sisson, Weed, Cazelle, Yreka, Montague, Ager, Klamath, Hot Springs, Hornbrook and Cole and thence to the California State line. Applicant avers that it is ready and willing to comply with the orders of this Commission in all particulars, but further avers that it is confronted with certain difficulties in connection with following the route herein described which make the re-routing requested necessary. Applicant states:

1. Your petitioner now has a stage leaving San Francisco at 11:45 P.M., being Schedule No.305, and another stage which arrives at San Francisco at 4:00 A.M., being Schedule No.306. There is no service over the Sacramento River at Benicia-Martinez Ferry, at the time these stages cross.

2. There is only one ferry boat crossing the Sacramento River at Benicia-Martinez, namely the Isaquah, which can carry the stages of petitioner, and ferry company officials advise that this ferry operates only on Saturday, Sunday and holidays, that a smaller ferry boat operates on week-days, and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays the two ferries alternate, so that there is no assurance that the larger boat will be available for any particular crossing of applicant's stages.

3. Applicant further declares that the smaller ferry referred to is unsafe for the carriage and transportation of Pickwick's stages, the narrow passageways making it impossible to open the stage doors, so that passengers in stages would have no means of escape in case of an accident to the ferry. Further, applicant says, the runways of the boat and the slight width of the entrance apron, in comparison with the width of the stages, cause the stages to sometimes get into a position necessitating the jacking up of the car and shifting it over by some means other than its own power.

In view of all the circumstances 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 Pickwick Stages System be and it is hereby authorized to re-route its stages between San Francisco and the California-Oregon line near Cole by operating them over Carquinez Bridge, thence via Carquinez Bridge road to Fifth Street, (South Vallejo) thence to Lemon Street, thence to Benicia road, thence to West 6th Street, Benicia, thence to West J Street, thence to First Street, thence to West First Street, thence to L Street, thence to East Fourth Street, thence to M Street, thence to East 5th Street, (State highway), thence to Fairfield, Vacaville, Dixon, Davis, Woodland, Yolo, Blacks, Dunnigan, Arbuckle, Williams, Willows, Germantown, Coming, Tehama, Proberta, Red Bluff, Cottonwood, Redding, Baird, Delta, Castella, Dunsmuir, Sisson, Weed, Gazelle, Yreka, Montague, Ager, Klamath, Hot Springs, Hornbrook and Cole and thence to the California State line, provided that the order herein shall not be construed as determinative of the proceedings now pending before this Commission

affecting the operation of Pickwick Stages System in the territory traversed by the route herein described; and provided further that this order shall not be construed as authority to eliminate or change in any way restrictions or limitations heretofore imposed by this Commission on the operations of Pickwick Stages between San Francisco and the Oregon line.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of May, 1929.

Pho D. Lott

C. Sawyer

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Leon Cochran

M. A. Cur
Commissioners.