

Decision No. 21152

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
CALIFORNIA TRANSIT CO. to abandon ) Application  
its operations as a passenger stage ) No.15635  
corporation between Fresno and Calwa, )  
California. )

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

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This is an application by California Transit Co., a corporation, for an order of the Railroad Commission authorizing it to discontinue operation of its automotive passenger stage service for the transportation of passengers and property between Fresno and Calwa.

California Transit Co. is the owner and operator of operative rights for the transportation of passengers and their baggage and express matter between Fresno and Calwa, said rights having been acquired from Pickwick Stages System on May 13, 1926, on Application No.12812, Decision No.16725 (28 C.R.C. 915). The rights were previously acquired by Pickwick Stages from E.J. Thompson on Application No.10446, Decision No.15645, rendered November 14, 1925. By virtue of said Decision No.16725 said operative rights so acquired from Pickwick Stages System were consolidated with the operative rights of California Transit Co. and made a part of its general system.

The operation between Fresno and Calwa is over a route three miles in length. As to the service rendered, it has been operated independent of the general system of the applicant.

The gross revenue received from said operation between Fresno and Calwa for more than one year last past has not been sufficient to pay direct operating costs. It is applicant's contention that this operation has for a long time been, and will

continue to be, conducted at a loss. A statement of revenue received, marked Exhibit "A", is attached to the application herein and made a part thereof. The revenue per mile, over a period of 14 months, ranges from approximately 6 cents to approximately 14 cents. The gross receipts ranged from \$133.75 to \$304.80.

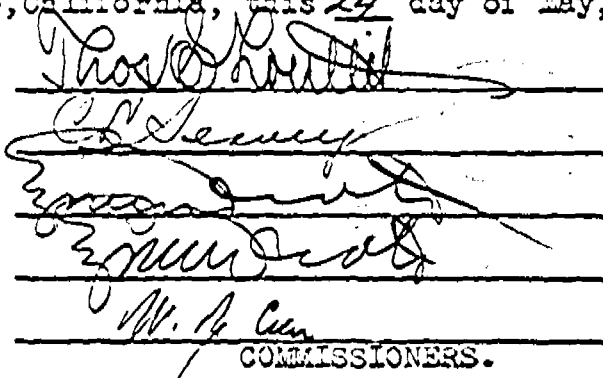
Allen and Reese Stages, a certificated service, are now and for many years last past have been operating between Fresno and Sanger via Calwa and are willing and able to render such additional transportation service in connection with and as part of their Fresno-Sanger operation as the public may required in the event of the abandonment of said operation by California Transit Co.

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 appears to be a service purely local in character. The field is limited and does not justify, as the record shows, service by two carriers.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that California Transit Co., be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue operation of the automotive passenger stage service conducted by its between Fresno and Calwa and intermediate points, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that California Transit Co. shall immediately make such tariff and time schedules filings as are necessary under the requirements of the Railroad Commission covering such discontinuance.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <sup>24</sup> day of May, 1929.

  
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