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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
MOTOR TRANSIT COMPANY for an order  
authorizing it to abandon and discontinue  
its special passenger motor service  
between the Biltmore Hotels at Los Angeles  
and Flintridge, California. } Application  
No.15711

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

The above entitled proceeding is an application by Motor Transit Company, a corporation, engaged in the business of operating common carrier automotive service in Southern California, to discontinue operation of a service between the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles and the Biltmore Hotel at Flintridge.

The service was established under authority of Railroad Commission Decision No.20570, dated December 10, 1928, and issued on Application No.15236. It was designed primarily for the benefit of guests of the Biltmore hotel system, the application by Motor Transit Company setting forth that the service would be operated the year round and that it would be subsidized by the hotel management for at least six months. It now appears that the Flintridge Biltmore was closed down on May 1, and that the hotel management cannot or will not give to applicant any assurance as to the time of re-opening the hotel or the extent of the season. Under the circumstances, applicant believes it should not be required to continue the operation, claiming that no operation other than a year-round service, with full hotel service at all times, can be made profitable and then only after an extended pioneering period. Even with a subsidy, applicant asserts, the service was operated at a loss, the receipts from the operation of the line from December, 1928, to May, 1929, totaling \$2272.84 as against expenses of \$3,461.61. The expected traffic from points intermediate between

Los Angeles and Flintridge did not materialize.

With the closing of the Flintridge hotel on May 1, 1929, Motor Transit obtained from the Railroad Commission informal authority to discontinue the service temporarily. It now seeks, in order to avoid the expense of preparing special equipment required for the service, an order making the suspension permanent.

We are of the opinion that this application should be granted, and that it is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Motor Transit Company be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue operation of automotive passenger stage service between the Biltmore Hotel at Los Angeles and the Biltmore Hotel at Flintridge authorized to be performed by Railroad Commission Decision No.20570, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the certificate of public convenience and necessity heretofore issued to Motor Transit Company by said Decision No.20570 be and the same is hereby revoked and annulled, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that said Motor Transit Company shall immediately cancel tariffs and time schedules filed with the Railroad Commission covering said service.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of June, 1929.

Wm. S. Lott  
Commissioner  
Leon Whipple  
Commissioner  
COMMISSIONERS.