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Decision No. 21784

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
J. A. BOYD and R. C. SMITH, co-partners,
operating under the fictitious name of
PARLOR CAR TOURS, for a certificate of
public convenience and necessity to
operate an automotive stage line as a
common carrier of passengers and baggage
between San Francisco and Los Angeles.)
Application
No. 9936

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BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER
on
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

This is a supplemental application by California Parlor Car Tours Company, a corporation, for an order of the Railroad Commission modifying the certificate of public convenience and necessity under which it is operating an all-expense three day automobile tour between San Francisco and Los Angeles so as to permit the granting of stop-over privileges and the use of other equipment than that required to be used under the terms of the certificate granted to the Company by Railroad Commission Decision No. 14035. California Parlor Car Tours Company is successor in interest to J. A. Boyd and R. C. Smith, co-partners, to whom the certificate was originally granted.

The original certificate limited the operators to the use of 18 or 21 passenger vehicles and provided that no stop over privileges should be granted. It is now claimed that the limitation on equipment, with particular reference to the 21-passenger vehicles prevents the use of the best type of equipment. It is pointed out that since 1924, the year in which the service was authorized, standards of parlor car equipment construction have changed and that the limitation of 21-passenger type of vehicle is, therefore, restrictive to the extent that it prevents the use of the best type of equipment, namely, 25-passenger parlor cars.

As to the matter of the removal of prohibition of stop-over privileges, applicant declares that patrons of the service often demand the privilege of stopping over at Del Monte and Santa Barbara, and have on many occasions abandoned their trip at either of these points, thus sacrificing the cost of their transportation to the terminal from the point at which they elected to spend further time. Applicant now seeks authority to grant stop-over privilege. No change in rates is proposed. Travelers will be allowed to disembark at Del Monte or Santa Barbara, spend as many days as they choose at such points and then resume their trip. The extra time spent at either Del Monte or Santa Barbara will be at the expense of the traveler. Both Santa Barbara and Del Monte are peculiarly attractive to the type of tourist which uses the service of California Parlor Car Tours Company and the experience of the company has shown travelers, in large numbers, complain when informed that stop-overs are not permitted. Arriving at Del Monte or Santa Barbara, quite naturally, they become enamored of the scenic attractions and wish to see more of them than is possible in the limited time now allowed. Opposition to the granting of this supplemental application has been waived by California Transit Co., Pickwick Stages System and Southern Pacific Company.

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 condition heretofore imposed by Decision No. 14035 on the type of equipment to be used by California Parlor Car Tours Company be and it is hereby amended so as to enable California Parlor Car Tours Company to use 25-passenger type of equipment, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the restriction as to stop-over privilege heretofore imposed on the operations of the Company by Decision No.14035 be and the same is hereby removed insofar as it affects Del Monte and Santa Barbara, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant herein shall immediately make such tariff and time schedule filings as are necessary to cover the operating changes authorized herein.

This order shall not be construed as authority to make any other change in said operations.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of November, 1929.

Thos. G. Louth

Al. Leary

Leon O'Whelan

COMMISSIONERS.