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Decision No. 21888

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 motor vehicle operation) Application No. 16061
between Hanford and Corcoran.)

Earl A. Bagby, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

CALIFORNIA TRANSIT CO., in the above-entitled application, seeks authority to abandon automobile stage service for the transportation of passengers and express between Hanford and Corcoran.

A public hearing herein was conducted by Examiner Williams at Hanford.

The service sought to be abandoned was originally established by Joseph Miller and the operating right was transferred from Miller to applicant herein by authority of Decision No. 16093 on Application No. 12566. The right subsequently was merged and consolidated with the operative system of applicant. The service consists of one daily schedule between termini, leaving Hanford at 11:10 a.m. and arriving at Corcoran at 12:00 Noon; leaving Corcoran at 3:00 p.m. and arriving at Hanford at 3:45 p.m. The distance between termini is 21 miles.

According to the testimony of Earl A. Bagby, Lloyd Miller, driver of the stage for four years, and Miss Maraville Bandy, ticket agent at Hanford, the patronage of the service has declined

greatly for the last two years, until September and October of this year only one passenger a day was transported, together with a small volume of express matter. Exhibits filed by applicant show that the operations acquired 14,154 miles during eleven months, ending with August, 1929. The gross revenue was \$514.20, giving a revenue per mile of .03633¢. The cost of the operation of the California Transit system is approximately 17¢ per mile, although in this particular operation Mr. Bagby testified that the cost of operation was probably a little higher. All the witnesses expressed a belief that continued operation would bring no change in patronage.

No one appeared to oppose the abandonment, although the city officials at Hanford and Corcoran and the Supervisors of Kings County were notified of the hearing.

It appears from the record that continued operation of this service between Hanford and Corcoran is no longer necessary, due to the lack of patronage, and it should be discontinued. An order accordingly be entered.

ORDER

CALIFORNIA TRANSIT CO. having made application to the Railroad Commission to abandon all service for the transportation of passengers and express between Hanford and Corcoran; a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that CALIFORNIA TRANSIT CO. be, and it is hereby authorized to discontinue and abandon such service, provided notice of such discontinuance is posted in the Hanford and Corcoran depots of applicant three days prior

to discontinuance of said service, and to cancel all its time
schedules and tariffs therefor now on file with this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of
December, 1929.

Thos D. Lovell

C. L. Seaman

E. M. W. H. H. H.

Leon Whitehill

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Commissioners.