Decision No. 22601

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SEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of GEORGE L. LEDFORD for authority to discontinue and abandon operation of an auto stage line for the transportation of passengers, as a common carrier, and an auto truck line, for the transportation of freight, as a common carrier, between Cloverdale and Wendling, California, and intermediate points, and between Cloverdale and Greenwood, California, and intermediate points, via Yorkville, Booneville and Philo, California.

Application No.10688

In the Matter of the Application of MENDOCINO COAST TRANSIT COMPANY, for authority to issue and sell fifty (50) shares of its Capital Stock, and to purchase and acquire the right of W. W. ALLEM and C. A. CURTIS to operate an auto stage line, as a common carrier of passengers and bassage between Cloverdale and Fort Brass, California, and intermodiate points, together with certain operative property and assets, and of said W. W. Allen and C.A.Curtis to sell and transfer the said property to Mondocino Coast Transit Company.

Supplemental Application No.14978

BY THE COMMISSION -

## OPINION and ORDER and ORDER ON SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

The above entitled proceedings are an application by George L. Ledford for an order of the Commission permitting him to abandon service for the transportation of passengers and property between Cloverdale and Wendling and intermediate points and between Cloverdale and Greenwood and intermediate points, and a supplemental application by Mendocino Coast Transit Company for an order of the Commission removing the restriction heretofore imposed by the Commission on its operations between Cloverdale and Wendling and intermediate points. (See Decision Mo.20318 on Application Mo.14978, and Decision Mo.18876 on Application Mo.13314.)

It apposes from a financial statement attached to Application No.16683 that the Ledford operations have been conducted at a loss for some time, and could not have been maintained except for revenue derived from a U.S. Mail contract. This contract expires on June 50, 1930, the successful bidders being Mendocino Coast Transit Company, operating between Cloverdale and Fort Bragg, whose operations parallel those of Ledford between Cloverdale and Wondling, with, however, a restriction prohibiting said Mendocino Company from serving locally between Cloverdale and Wendling and intermediate points, which restriction was imposed to protect the operations The Mendocino Coast Transit Company right of Redford. authorizes it to transport passengers and express. Removal of the restriction as prayed for will enable it to perform the service now being given by Ledford, so that the traveling and shipping public will not be deprived of service through the discontinuance of the Ledford service.

We are of the opinion that the two above described applications may be consolidated for consideration and that it is not necessary to hold a public hearing.

IT IS HEMEBY ORDERED that George L. Ledford be and he is hereby authorized to discontinue operation of the automobile service for the transportation of passengers and property he has been operating under a prescriptive right between Cloverdale and Wendling and intermediate points and between Cloverdale and Greenwood and intermediate points, provided that George L. Ledford shall cancel tariff of rates and time schedules covering said service on file in his name with the Railroad Commission.

IT IS FERERY FURTHER ORDERED that the restriction heretofore imposed on the operations of Mendocino Coast Transit Company between Cloverdale and Fort Bragg, which restriction, prohibited the performance of local service between Cloverdale and Wendling and intermediate points be and the same is hereby removed.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Mendocino Coast Transit Company shall file with the Railroad Commission tariffs of rates and time schedules covering service said company is herein authorized to perform.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30 km lay of

COMMISSIONERS.