

Decision No. 23282.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of  
 BEVERLEY GIBSON  
 for authority to temporarily dis-  
 continue operation of an auto-stage  
 line, for the transportation of pass-  
 engers, baggage and express, for  
 compensation, and as a common carrier,  
 between Rio Vista and Suisun,  
 California, and intermediate points.

Application No. 17020

**ORIGINAL**

Beverley Gibson, in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

Applicant herein seeks "temporarily" to discontinue the operation of a portion of his stage system (called "River Auto Stages"), along the Sacramento River between Rio Vista and Suisun because of deficient patronage.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Williams at Rio Vista, at which time the matter was duly submitted without protest from any source.

The showing made at this hearing is satisfactory that the patronage bestowed by the public is wholly insufficient to sustain the operation. Exhibits attached to the application, verified by the testimony of Ray J. Reedy, auditor for applicant, show that for the period between July 1st and September 30, 1930, an average of one passenger a day was transported. Subsequent to this period and to the date of hearing the patronage was less.

Until July 1st last applicant had the contract for the transportation of United States Mail between termini and operated three schedules daily. Until the mail contract terminated the operation was profitable, as this contract produced \$187.50 a month. After its termination the gross revenue from passenger and express patronage averaged \$27.90 per month, while the out-of-pocket cost of operation was (under system allocation), \$81.17 per month. It is apparent that without the addition of other revenue, (such as the mail contract), the service cannot be maintained without inordinate loss.

Applicant testified that there appeared no hope of improvement at this time as another stage line operates between Rio Vista Junction and Suisun and that he preferred to suspend rather than abandon the right. He expressed readiness to resume operation when sufficient traffic appears available.

Upon this showing of lack of public support the application will be granted with the understanding that service will be resumed by applicant in response to public demand or upon order by this Commission.

#### ORDER

Beverley Gibson having made application to discontinue temporarily, stage service for passengers and express between Rio Vista and Suisun, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted, and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Beverley Gibson be and he is hereby authorized to suspend and discontinue temporarily passenger and express service between Rio Vista and Suisun on and after January 15, 1931, and to suspend his rates and time schedules therefor on the following condition:

That said service shall be resumed by applicant whenever public demand justifies such resumption or whenever this Commission, by its order, may so require.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1931.

*P. S. Sawyer*

*W. A. Quinn*

*M. B. Harris*

*Fred G. Stewart*  
Commissioners.