

Decision No. 24075

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 TANNER MOTOR TOURS, Ltd., a corporation,)
 to alter the route and schedule and to) Application
 reduce the rate now in force on its) No.17683
 Tour No.15 "California Tour de Luxe.")

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER**ORIGINAL**

This is an application by Tanner Motor Tours, Ltd., a corporation, engaged in the business of operating sightseeing tours under authority of certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Commission. Among the tours is one known as "Tour No.15, California Tour de Luxe," which covers a 13-day trip from Los Angeles over and along designated routes and extending as far north as Sonoma county. By this application Tanner Motor Tours, Ltd. proposes to make San Francisco the most northerly point served and to reduce the trip to one of ten days' duration.

For the trip as reduced applicant proposes to publish a rate of \$165. for "all expenses," including transportation; a rate of \$65. for transportation only for adults, and \$35. for transportation only for children. The fares charged for the 13-day trip are "all expense" \$208.50; transportation only, adults \$85.75; children \$42.50. The fares listed as "transportation only" do not include transportation for side trip on cars of Yosemite Park and Curry Company from Merced to Yosemite Valley and return, for which the sum of \$12.75 is included in the stated "all expense fare."

Supporting its application for authority to make the proposed change applicant sets forth in its application :

That it has been the experience of applicant that the traveling public does not require or desire a sightseeing tour as extensive as that now offered by it in said Tour No.15. It has therefore been difficult to sell transportation over said tour, and in numerous instances applicant has been advised that the schedule of said tour should be reduced to not more than ten (10) days;

That it has also been the experience of applicant that the rate of fare necessarily charged for this tour is such that it is extremely difficult to sell transportation thereover, not because said fare is greater than is reasonable for the service rendered, but because very few persons desire as extensive a sightseeing tour as said Tour No.15 on a public utility basis.

Applicant further declares that while the amended tour eliminates service to Sonoma, Santa Rosa, Calistoga and the Napa Valley, provision is made in the amended tour for an entire day in San Francisco, sufficient time for sightseers to make the trip north of San Francisco by means of the Gray Line, a certificated sight-seeing carrier.

Three exhibits attached to the application, A, B, and C, show that the proposed change will not be opposed by the Gray Line, Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc., or California Parlor Car Tours, highway carriers serving the territory covered by Tour No.15.

Under the circumstances we are of the opinion that this application should be granted. It does not appear to be a matter requiring a public hearing. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Tanner Motor Tours, Ltd., a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to alter its Tour No.15 FROM a 13-day tour to a 10-day tour and to operate over and along the following route instead of over the route for such tour heretofore laid down by the Commission:

Leaving Los Angeles via Santa Monica and Roosevelt Highway through Ventura to Santa Barbara, visiting points of interest in and around Santa Barbara; thence through Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles and Salinas to Monterey, visiting points of interest in and around Monterey, including Carmel Mission, Point Lobos and Pacific Grove; thence through Watsonville and Pajaro Valley to Santa Cruz, visiting points of interest in and around Santa Cruz, including Felton Grove of giant redwoods; thence through Los Gatos to Stanford University visiting Stanford University; thence through Redwood City and San Mateo to San Francisco, visiting points of interest in San Francisco; thence to Oakland and Berkeley,

visiting points of interest in and around Oakland and Berkeley; thence through Hayward, Tracy and Modesto to Merced; thence, after completion of Yosemite sightseeing trip and return to Merced via cars of Yosemite Park and Curry company, proceeding through Fresno and Bakersfield via State Highway to Los Angeles, arriving on evening of tenth day.

The order herein is issued with the understanding that applicant shall immediately make such tariff and time schedule filings covering said change as are required by the Commission's General Orders and with the further understanding that this order does not change or alter the period of time during which said service is to be performed or any rules and regulations covering said Tour now on file with the Commission except such changes as are necessary to cover shortening of the trip.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of September, 1931.

C. L. Seaver
Leon Whiteley
M. B. Harris
Fred G. Stewart
COMMISSIONERS.