

Decision No. 3-103

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 PAUL DERKUM for an order authorizing)
 a temporary abandonment of service on) Application No.17689
 Bakersfield-Santa Maria Division of)
 Derkum Stage Lines.)

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION**ORIGINAL**

Derkum Stage Lines, owned and operated by Paul Derkum, has made application to suspend operation of a passenger and express stage line between Bakersfield and Santa Maria, via Maricopa and Cuyama Pass, a distance of 127 miles.

The service was established by authority of certificate granted to Paul Derkum and C. E. Sansome by Decisions Nos.19626 and 19627 on Application No.14359, dated April 18, 1928. By authority of Decision No.20113, on Application No.14857, dated August 15, 1928, Derkum acquired the interest of Sansome and has operated since then as sole proprietor. The original grant was based largely on the movements of persons and property between the Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo oil fields and the West Side oil fields in Kern County, via Maricopa and Bakersfield.

Applicant now represents that these movements have diminished to such an extent that the service can only be continued at great loss. Exhibit "A", attached to the application, shows that during June, July and August of this year one hundred and fifty one (151) passengers were transported between termini and intermediate points of which eighty four (84) were between termini, twenty six (26) between Maricopa and Santa Maria, and forty one (41) between other points. It further shows that the revenues for the same period were \$622.95 for passengers and \$111.85 for express, a total of \$734.80. The operating cost for the same period was \$1227.42. The loss was \$492.62, or \$164.20 per month. The service was daily.

Suspension of the service will not leave termini without service as Kern County Transportation Company operates a similar service from Bakersfield to Paso Robles, thence by Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc. to Santa Maria. As it does not route its operation via Maricopa, that portion of the Derkum route between Maricopa and Santa Maria, through Cuyama Pass, will be left without service. As only twenty six passengers used this service during the three months period, it appears that the patronage has been negligible.

It appears from the foregoing facts that it would be an undue burden on applicant to continue service, especially as the oil field activities are at minimum with little hope of immediate betterment. This appears to be a matter in which a public hearing is unnecessary and that the application should be granted, as provided in the following order.

OR D E R

Paul Derkum, operating under the name of Derkum Stage Lines, is hereby authorized to suspend all operations between Bakersfield and Santa Maria, via Maricopa and Cuyama Pass, until further order of this Commission or until such time as applicant, Paul Derkum, desires to resume such operations, in the absence of order of this Commission; provided, that applicant shall file with this Commission time schedules and tariffs showing suspension of each and accepting the condition that the time schedules and tariffs now on file with the Commission shall become in force whenever this Commission so orders or whenever applicant resumes the service thereby authorized to be suspended; and provided further that applicant shall post notice of effectiveness of such suspension at least five (5) days before the date of suspension at his terminals and in his vehicles, and shall file with this Commission copy of such notice, the date of

posting same and the date of suspension.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12 day of
October, 1931.

C. Deane
Leon Whitman

W. B. Lewis
Fred G. Stewart
COMMISSIONERS.