Decision No. 24206

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application

ORIGINAL

No. 17712.

In the Matter of the Application of ALBERT L. SCHNEIDER, OSCAR SCHNEIDER, FRANK SCHNEIDER and WALTER SCHNEIDER, copartners operating under the fictitious name of AMADOR STAGE LINES, for authority to temporarily discontinue operation of an auto-stage line for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express, for compensation, and as a common carrier, between Jackson and San Andreas, Califomia, and all intermediate points, via Mokelumne Hill.

BY THE COMMISSION:

$\underline{O P I N I O N}$

Applicant seeks temporary suspension of all automotive service for passengers and express between Jackson and San Andreas, via Mokelumne Hill, and intermediate points. The operation has been daily between termini since its authorization by Decision No. 22888 on Application No. 16799, dated September 20, 1930.

Applicant alleges that the service since May 1, 1931 has not produced revenue sufficient to defray cost of operation. Exhibits attached to the application show that for the 107 days between May 1 and August 15, 1931 178 passengers were carried, or an average of 1.66 per day. During the same period the gross revenues from passengers and express aggregated \$205.63 while the direct cost of operation was \$451.57. The gross receipts were not enough to pay the driver's salary amounting to \$262.50.

It is further alleged that the cessation of a large hydroelectric development near Jackson, on which work has been temporarily discontinued and will not be resumed for many months, provided the bulk of the traffic that supported the operation. Applicant desires to resume operation "when the traffic is sufficient to justify". Letters to this Commission from Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce at San Andreas, Peek Mercantile Company at Mokelumne Hill and Jackson Chamber of Commerce withdraw all protest on the suspension of service.

The service sought to be discontinued is a part of applicant's rights between Sacramento and Jackson, having been granted as an extension of the existing rights and not as a new or separate right. The order therefore, granting the application, will only provide for suspension of service until such time as applicant elects to resume or as the Commission may require by supplementary order herein or otherwise.

$\underline{O} \underline{R} \underline{D} \underline{E} \underline{R}$

Albert L. Schneider, Oscar Schneider, Frank Schneider and Walter Schneider, copartners operating under the fictitious name Amador Stage Lines, are hereby authorized to suspend automotive passenger stage service between Jackson and San Andreas and intermediate points via Mokelumne Hill, until such time as applicants elect to resume such service or until further order of this Commission; provided applicant shall post notice of such suspension at his terminals and in the vehicles operated five (5) days before the effective date of such suspension; and shall make proper time schedule filings.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>974</u> day of November, 1931.

-2-