Decision No. 25440

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of AMADOR CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY for an order authorizing applicant to discontinue the operation of mixed trains Nos. 1 and 2 between Ione and Martell, California, and to discontinue the operation of stage service between Martell and Jackson, Sutter Creek, Amador City and Plymouth, California. C.

Application No. 18515.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Amador Central Railroad Company has filed the above entitled application requesting authority to discontinue the operation of mixed trains Nos. 1 and 2 between Ione and Martell, and to discontinue the operation of stage service between Martell and Jackson, Sutter Creek, Amador City and Plymouth, all of these points being located in Amador County. The application recites that neither the passenger nor freight service provided by this carrier is warranted by the passenger revenue or the freight revenue received and that the operation is conducted at a loss; that at the present time there are certificated carriers furnishing adequate passenger service and that in its Decision No. 25289, in Application No. 18010, the Commission granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the operation of motor truck freight transportation by Pacific Motor Transport Company between Stockton, San Joaquin County, and Martell, which operation will provide adequate freight transportation in the territory served by applicant.

It appears that this is not a matter in which a public

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hearing is necessary and that this application to abandon train service should be granted.

Applicant also requests authority to discontinue the operation of stage service between Martell and Jackson, Sutter Creek, Amador City and Plymouth. The Commission's records do not show that applicant has been granted any operative rights for stage service between Martell and any other point, nor is it clear that applicant possesses prescriptive rights. However, applicant filed rates in February, 1917, under the name of Amador Central Railroad Stage Line but the rates filed were the rail rates. The granting of the request to discontinue stage service is made largely to clear the record for all purposes.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Amador Central Railroad Company is hereby authorized to discontinue the operation of mixed train service between Ione and Martell and to discontinue the operation of stage service between Martell and Jackson, Sutter Creek, Amador City and Plymouth, on five (5) days' notice to the public, and to cancel all rates, tariffs and schedules pertaining to said services, provided that applicant shall continue to provide freight service as needed by the operation of extra trains on its line of railroad.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof. Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>10 the</u> day of December, 1932.

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