Decision No. 10023

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of J. R. CLEAVELAND for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate an auto stage) Application No. 7219 line as a transportation company between Los Banos and Gilroy. California.

H. A. Encell, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

OPINION

J. R. Cleaveland and C. R. Blabon, co-partners, have petitioned the Railroad Commission, in accordance with their amended application, for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by them of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Los Banos and Gilroy, via the Pacheco Pass, serving the intermediate points of San Luis Rancho and Bell Station.

A public hearing on this application was conducted before Examiner Satterwhite at Gilroy on December 2,1921. The matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicants propose to charge rates and to operate on a time schedule of one round trip daily, as set out in said amended application, using as equipment seven-passenger Packard automobiles.

No one appeared to protest the granting of this application_

The testimony shows that there is no auto stage line operating between the points proposed to be served. Southern Pacific Company operates a rail service between

the proposed termini, but it was shown that it requires approximately twelve hours time for the trip to be made by a very long and indirect route, involving many transfers or changes from one train to another. At the present time there are other stage lines which operate between Gilroy and San Jose and San Francisco on the north, and between Gilroy, San Juan and Salinas on the south, and the proposed service of applicants will make direct connections with these other stage lines and thereby afford quicker transportation facilities between the various towns and communities above named. It was shown that the business men of Gilroy and Los Banos, as well as residents along the territory proposed to be served, desire this service.

After a careful consideration of the evidence, we are of the opinion that the application should be granted.

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A public hearing having been held in the above named application, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by J. R. Cleaveland and C. M. Blabon, co-partners, of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Los Banos and Gilroy, via the Pacheco Pass, serving the intermediate points of San Luis Rancho and Bell Station.

Provided, that the operative rights and privileges hereby established may not be transferred, leased, sold nor assigned, nor the said service abandoned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission thereto has first been procured, and

Provided further, that no vehicle may be operated in said service unless said vehicle is owned by the applicants herein or is leased by said applicants under a contract or agreement satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants shall, within twenty (20) days from the date hereof, file with the Rail-road Commission their schedule and tariff covering said proposed service, which shall be in addition to the proposed schedule and tariff accompanying the application, and shall set forth the date upon which the operation of the line hereby authorized will commence, which date shall be within ninety(90)days from date hereof, unless time to begin operation is extended by formal supplemental order.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of January, 1922.

Commissioners.