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Decision No. 10128

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the application  
of JOHN CLIFTON THOMAS for certi-  
ficate of public convenience and  
necessity to operate passenger  
service between Redlands, Crafton  
and Mentone.

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Application No. 7460.

N.C. Folsom, for Applicant  
E.T. Lacey, for Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway,  
Protestant  
C.H. Jones, for Pacific Electric Railway, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

J.C. Thomas has applied to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate automobile passenger service between Redlands, Mentone and Crafton.

A public hearing was held by Examiner Williams at Redlands, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicant proposes to operate with a five passenger car from the terminal of the Motor Transit Company in Redlands, north to Laguna Street, thence east to Mentone, a station on the Santa Fe railroad and south to Crafton, a station on the Southern Pacific railroad. The entire distance is four and one-half miles.

The schedule calls for four round trips daily, but applicant agreed to rearrange this schedule to give earlier and later service. The fare proposed is 15 cents between

Redlands and Mentone and 10 cents between Mentone and Crafton. The operation revives similar service performed by C.L. Brown under authority of the Commission. Testimony showed that this service was abandoned by Brown because of ill health two years ago.

Applicant produced ample testimony as to the need of this service at this time, and readily acceded to a stipulation, asked by protestant Pacific Electric Railway, that no passengers be carried between Tribune Street and the terminal in Redlands, whereupon protest of this carrier was withdrawn. Protest of the Santa Fe railroad was only formal and not effective as its service is limited to one train a day.

#### ORDER

J.C. Thomas having applied to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate auto passenger stage between Redlands, Mentone and Crafton,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by applicant of such service over the following route:

Beginning at the terminal of the Motor Transit Company, north on Orange Street to Lagonia Avenue, thence east on Lagonia Avenue to Mentone, thence south to Crafton and returning over the same identical route,

And that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same hereby is granted said applicant, subject to the following conditions:

- I - That applicant, J.C. Thomas, shall file within fifteen (15) days from date hereof, his written

acceptance of the certificate herein granted; and shall file within thirty (30) days of the date hereof, duplicate tariff of rates and time schedules, in accordance with General Order No. 51 of the Railroad Commission.

- II - That no passengers will be received or carried between Tribune Street and the terminal in Redlands, in either direction, except those journeying from points east of Tribune Street to said terminal and vice versa.
- III- That applicant, J.C. Thomas, shall not sell, lease, assign or discontinue the service herein authorized, unless such sale, lease, assignment, or discontinuance shall have been authorized by the Railroad Commission.
- IV - That no vehicle shall be operated by applicant unless such vehicles are owned by said applicant, or are leased under an agreement satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of February, 1922.

H. B. Bundy  
H. D. Friedman  
Livingston Martin

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Commissioners.