

Decision No. 10817

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of
G. F. WILLHITE for certificate of
public convenience and necessity to
operate passenger, freight and bag-
gage service between Orleans and
Happy Camp.

Application No. 7947.

ORIGINAL

G. F. Willhite in propria persona.

H. C. Nelson for Geo. W. Smith,
Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

OPINION

The above entitled application, heard before Examiner Eddy at Eureka on July 24th, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a passenger and freight service between Orleans and Happy Camp, serving as intermediate points Somes Bar, Harley Ranch, Blue Nose and Cottage Grove. The distance between Orleans and Happy Camp is 55 miles; Harley Ranch and Blue Nose are respectively 22 and 29 miles from Orleans. The road between Orleans and Happy Camp is not yet completed and is now open to a point between Harley Ranch and Blue Nose.

The application was protested by Mr. G. W. Smith, who since 1914 has been operating a stage service three times a week between Orleans and Harley Ranch. Mr. Smith showed that his total earnings from the service for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1922, were \$1452.52. He further testified that although equipped

to handle 3000 pounds with his truck, the freight does not average 1000 pounds a trip. Mr. Willhite owns a Chevrolet truck and proposes to make a round trip from Orleans to Happy Camp each Tuesday.

In so far as the service between Orleans and Harley Ranch is concerned the service afforded by Mr. Smith at the present time seems to be ample to meet the requirements of the traffic. Furthermore, he is financially able and willing to put on any additional equipment that may prove necessary. Mr. Willhite does not desire a certificate that would permit him to operate only between Harley's Ranch and Happy Camp.

Public convenience and necessity do not require the additional service here proposed and the application will be denied.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held on the above entitled application, the matter being submitted, and now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require the operation by G. F. Willhite of an automotive passenger, freight and baggage service between Orleans and Happy Camp.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application be and it is hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3d day of July, 1922.

H. H. Boardman
Chairman
W. H. Smith
Secretary

Commissioners.