

Decision No. 11211

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of)
JOSEPH MILLER, operating the Joe Miller)
Stages, between Visalia, Tulare and)
intermediate points, between Visalia and)
Dinuba and intermediate points, Visalia)
and Coalinga and intermediate points, and)
the Tulare, Lindsey, Porterville Auto)
Stage Line, between Tulare and Porter-)
ville and intermediate points, for certi-)
ficate of public convenience and necessity)
to continue to operate various lines)
noted above, on a through route and joint)
fares, based on combinations of locals)
over junction points.)

Application No. 8105

Ernest Walling for applicant.
C. C. Lary for Southern Pacific Co.,
protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

A public hearing was held by Examiner Westover at Visalia upon the above entitled application seeking authority to operate as a through route under through rates passenger stage service over five separate operative rights, viz: Between Coalinga and Lemoore; Lemoore and Visalia; Visalia and Dinuba; Visalia and Tulare, and Tulare and Porterville via Lindsey.

It appears from the testimony that it would be a convenience to the traveling public to be able to buy through tickets from points on one of the above five divisions or zones to points on another. It further appears from the testimony that some passengers seem to be under the impression that if they cannot

buy a ticket through they will be unable to travel through or make a fairly good connection at junction points. A further improvement in the service would result from the fact that passengers would thus be able to reserve seats for through passage, whereas under the present operating rules of applicant seats can only be assured if they are reserved 15 minutes before leaving time of the stage from either of the several terminals. The facts developed at the hearing would seem to indicate the advisability of the carrier providing a system of checking baggage to avoid confusion and loss. The proposed through fares result from a combination of locals.

It does not appear from the record that other carriers are able to accommodate through passengers in this territory to the degree that applicant can with the through service now proposed.

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 CERTIFIES that public necessity and convenience require the operation by Joseph Miller of a through service for the transportation of passengers and baggage between points on routes where he now has local operative rights.

This permission is granted under the following conditions:

1. 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.

2. No vehicle may be operated in said service unless said vehicle is owned by the applicant herein or is leased by said applicant under a contract or agreement satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

3. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant shall, within fifteen days from the date hereof, file with the Railroad Commission schedules and tariffs covering said proposed service, which shall show each point proposed to be served and quote rates to and from each such point; and shall set forth the date upon which the operation hereby authorized will commence, which date shall be within thirty days from date hereof, unless time to begin operation is extended by formal supplemental order herein.

4. The authority herein contained shall not become effective until and unless the above mentioned schedules and tariffs are filed within the time herein limited.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of November, 1922.

H. H. Brundage

Dwight Martin

J. F. Penner

Commissioners.