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Decision No. 14673

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the Application of )  
J. R. ANDRUS, doing business under )  
the name of ANDRUS TAXI SERVICE, for )  
an order declaring that public con- )  
venience and necessity require the ) Application No. 3073.  
operation by Petitioner of an auto- )  
mobile stage service between Camp )  
Fremont and Palo Alto. )  
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E. D. Larkin for J. R. Andrus.  
J. E. McCurdy for Peninsula Rapid Transit  
Company, protestant.  
Bishop and Bahler, by H. M. Wade, for  
California Stages Company, protestant.  
O. M. Spangler for Union Line, protestant.  
H. M. Wade for Otto Rinckert and Floyd Hanchett,  
protestants.

THELEN and GORDON, Commissioners.

O P I N I O N .

J. R. Andrus, doing business under the name of Andrus Taxi Service, asks that the Railroad Commission make its order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Petitioner of three automobiles as common carriers of passengers between Camp Fremont and Palo Alto.

A public hearing herein was held in San Francisco on September 7, 1917.

For a statement of the provisions of Chapter 213, Laws of 1917, approved May 10, 1917, providing for the supervision and regulation of transportation companies, of the principles to be applied in passing on petitions of this character and of the automobile stage situation between San Francisco and Palo

Alto, reference is hereby made to the decision this day rendered in Application No. 3159, Santa Clara Valley Auto Line.

Petitioner has heretofore been engaged in the operation of an automobile taxi service in and about the City of Palo Alto. He now proposes to operate three automobiles as common carriers of passengers between Hotel Larkin, in Palo Alto, and Camp Fremont. Petitioner is at the present time operating to the camp at Camp Fremont, located on Santa Cruz Avenue, at a point approximately distant one mile/~~from the~~ from the State Highway. Petitioner and Mr. C. H. Cornelius are the only automobile stage operators who are operating to the location of the present camp at Camp Fremont.

The equipment which Petitioner proposes to operate is as follows:

<u>Make of Car</u>	<u>Horse Power</u>	<u>Seating Capacity</u>	<u>State Motor Vehicle License Number.</u>
Wichita	35	25	14827
Locomobile	30	14	207598
Ford	20	16	205893

Petitioner has been operating this service since the establishment of the camp at Camp Fremont and prior to the effective date of Chapter 213, Laws of 1917.

Due to the uncertain conditions which have been prevailing at Camp Fremont, Petitioner has not found it possible to establish a regular schedule but has been giving service between the hours of 5 and 11 P.M., such hours being those in which the soldiers at Camp Fremont are relieved from duty and desire transportation between Camp Fremont and Palo Alto.

The petition, as originally filed herein, specified a fare of five cents each way between Palo Alto and the entrance to Camp Fremont, on the State Highway. The testimony shows that the present location of the camp at Camp Fremont is opposite the "Oregon Headquarters" on Santa Cruz Avenue, about one mile west of the State Highway. Petitioner accordingly requested authority

to amend its proposed schedule of fares so as to provide for a fare of ten cents between the "Oregon Headquarters" at Camp Fremont and Palo Alto.

Due to the establishment of the United States Army Camp at Camp Fremont, five companies of soldiers are now stationed at Camp Fremont and several hundred workmen are there employed. Palo Alto is the nearest city to Camp Fremont and a large number of soldiers each evening patronize its theatres and business houses. The service proposed by Petitioner offers a convenient method of transportation at a reasonable rate of fare.

Petitioner has not as yet secured permits from the City of Palo Alto and the County of Santa Clara, as provided by Section 3, Chapter 213, Laws of 1917, providing for the supervision and regulation of transportation companies but proposes to make application for such permits.

We find as a fact that public convenience and necessity require the operation by J. R. Andrus, doing business under the name of Andrus Taxi Service, of three automobiles as common carriers of passengers between Palo Alto and Camp Fremont, subject to the conditions specified in the order herein.

We submit the following form of order:

#### O R D E R.

J. R. ANDRUS, doing business under the name of ANDRUS TAXI SERVICE, having filed his petition herein asking that the Railroad Commission make its order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Petitioner of three automobiles as common carriers of passengers between Palo Alto and Camp Fremont, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS AS A FACT that public convenience and necessity require the operation by J. R.

Andrus, doing business under the name of Andrus Taxi Service, of three automobiles as common carriers of passengers between Palo Alto and Camp Fremont, subject to the conditions hereinafter specified.

Basing its order on the foregoing finding of fact and on the other findings contained in the opinion which precedes this order,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by J. R. Andrus, doing business under the name of Andrus Taxi Service, of three automobiles as common carriers of passengers between Palo Alto and Camp Fremont, provided that this order shall not become effective until Petitioner has secured from the Railroad Commission a supplemental order reciting that Petitioner has filed herein certified copies of permits from the City of Palo Alto and from the County of Santa Clara, as provided by Section 3 of Chapter 213, Laws of 1917; and, provided further, that the rights and privileges hereby granted shall not be assigned or transferred unless the Railroad Commission's written consent to such assignment or transfer shall first have been secured.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of September, 1917.

Max Thelen  
W. D. Davidson  
Alex. Gordon  
Edwin C. Ferguson  
Frank R. Ketchum  
Commissioners.