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Decision No. _____.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application)
of V. W. MATHEU for Certificate)
of Public Convenience and Neces-)
sity to Operate Stage Service be-)
tween Hollister and Watsonville.)

Application No. 3117.

Thomas E. O'Donnel, for Applicant.

G. H. Moore, for Mark J. Regan, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

V. W. Mathen applies for a certificate that public convenience and necessity require him to operate passenger stage service between Watsonville and Hollister, a distance of 25.5 miles.

A public hearing in the matter was held by Examiner Westover at Watsonville.

The Southern Pacific Company was notified of the hearing, but did not appear, and is, apparently, not interested.

Applicant has been engaged since June 16th last in operating a stage line, making two round trips each day between Watsonville and Hollister, with an eight passenger car, under a schedule and rates filed with the Commission. He has operated on schedule time daily. His present schedule which he wishes to continue, and his fares are as follows:-

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S C H E D U L E

Watsonville, San Juan, Hollister

and

Way Stations.

East-Bound (Read Down)	STATIONS		West-Bound (Read up)	
7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lv.	Watsonville	Ar. 10:30 a.m.	- 5:30 p.m.
7:25 a.m.-1:25 p.m.	Lv.	Aromas	Lv. 10:05 a.m.	- 5:05 p.m.
7:35 a.m.-1:35 p.m.	Lv.	Chittenden	Lv. 9:55 a.m.	- 4:55 p.m.
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Lv.	San Juan	Lv. 9:30 a.m.	- 4:30 p.m.
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Ar.	Hollister	Lv. 9:00 a.m.	- 4:00 p.m.

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F A R E S

		ONE-WAY FARES				
Miles	Between Stations	Watson- ville	Aromas	Chitten- den	San Juan	Hollis- ter
0.0	Watsonville (341 Main ST.)	--	.30	.45	.80	1.25
7.4	Aromas	.30	--	.15	.50	1.00
10.6	Chittenden	.45	.15	--	.35	.85
17.5	San Juan	.80	.50	.35	--	.50
25.5	Hollister (532 San Benito)	1.25	1.00	.85	.50	--

ROUND TRIP FARES

Watsonville to Hollister or Hollister to Watsonville\$2.25
 Watsonville to San Juan or San Juan to Watsonville 1.40
 Hollister to San Juan or San Juan to Hollister75

EXCURSION WEEK-END RATE

Watsonville to Hollister or Hollister to Watsonville 2.00

From the evidence it appears that his business is growing and that there is good prospect of its becoming successful; and the service continuous and permanent. On several occasions applicant has engaged other cars to make the run when his car has been out of repair, thus indicating a desire to discharge his public duties as a common carrier regularly.

It was stipulated that for the purpose of this proceeding the population of Hollister and vicinity is 3500, San Juan and vicinity, 700, Aromas and vicinity, 350, and Watsonville and vicinity, about 10,000.

The application is opposed by Mark J. Regan, who, for forty-seven years has operated a stage line between Hollister and Sargent, where his line connects with the Southern Pacific trains. About 11 miles of his route is identical with that of applicant, being from Hollister to San Juan, about 8 miles, and northerly on the State Highway about 3 miles, to a point where the road to Aromas leads to the west. There are other stage lines operating between Hollister and San Jose and between San Francisco and Los Angeles, all serving the same 11 miles of applicant's route. All were operating prior to May 1, 1917. Applicant's line alone serves the route from said point on the State Highway westerly to Aromas about eight miles ^{and} to Watsonville about 14 miles.

The position of protestant is that the easterly 11 miles of applicant's route is already well served and that an additional line is not needed in that territory. This does not sufficiently consider the public convenience in the matter of through travel between Hollister and Watsonville.

Applicant carries but few local passengers on said 11 miles of his route. He averages about one passenger a day between Hollister and San Juan, about three a month between San Juan and the junction with the Aromas road, an average of two a day between said junction and Aromas, about eight per day between Aromas and Watsonville, and an average of twelve per day through passengers between Hollister and Watsonville. Applicant seeks through business. He contemplates later extending his line to Santa Cruz. His local business is incidental and small in amount.

It is apparent that it would not be in the interest of public convenience to prevent applicant serving that portion of the route between San Juan and Hollister. There is a public demand for through service between Hollister and Watsonville. To require passengers wishing to make a through trip between distant points to make a number of transfers en route, or a series of local trips, would result in public inconvenience rather than public convenience.

O R D E R

V. W. Mathew having filed herein a petition asking that the Railroad Commission declare that public convenience and necessity require the operation by said Mathew of the automobile transportation service hereinafter described, a public hearing having been held thereon, and the matter being submitted and now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS AS A FACT
that public convenience and necessity require the said service.

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

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require the operation by V. W. Mathen of an automobile service for the common carriage of passenger and express packages between Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, and Hollister, San Benito County; provided that this declaration shall not become effective until said Mathen has procured from the Railroad Commission a supplemental order herein reciting that said Mathen has filed herein certified copies of permits from the Counties of Santa Cruz and San Benito and the Cities of Watsonville and Hollister as provided by Section three of Chapter 213, Laws of 1917; and provided further that the rights and privileges herein granted shall not be assigned or transferred unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such assignment or transfer has first been procured.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day
of October, 1917.

H. D. Ireland
Alfred Gordon
Edwin O. Edgerton

Commissioners.