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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application of J. E. MOORE for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate stage or truck service between Visalia and Porterville. ) Application No. 3201.

J. E. Moore in propria persona. F. E. Bratt for Pioneer Stage Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

J. E. Moore applies for certificate that public convenience and necessity require him to operate an automobile stage and express line between Visalia and Porterville via Farmersville, Exeter, Lindsay and Strathmore, all in Tulare County a total distance of about 31 miles.

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

Applicant has not operated over the route in question. He proposes to operate a 10 passenger high class easy riding car two round trips a day. For about eight months he has been operating a line from Visalia to Fresno, a distance of about 42 miles over paved roads. His operating revenues and expenses on his Fresno line and the movement of passengers give a fair basis for determining the need for and probable chances for success of his proposed new line. We will therefore discuss applicant's Fresno-Visalia business.

He operates between Visalia and Fresno two high-class 8-passenger cars, each making two round trips a day and carrying 20 or 25 passengers each way each day. Of these an average of about 14 per day each way originate at or are destined to points south of Visalia, distributed about as follows:

To Exeter - 3; to Lindsay - 4; to Porterville - 7.

At present these passengers are transferred at Visalia to stages of the Pioneer Stage Company and the Visalia, Porterville & Bakersfield Stage Company. With the former company, applicant has an arrangement by which his through passengers are given preference. With the latter company, however, preference is given to their through Bakersfield passengers with the result that sometimes applicant's passengers from his Fresno line cannot be accommodated.

Applicant's proposed fares are as follows:

Miles Between Visalia Farmersville Exeter Lindsay Strathmore Porterville

7	Farmersville Rd trip	.25 .40				
4	Exeter Rd. trip	.35 .60	.25 .40			
9	Lindsay Rd trip	.60 1.00	.40 .70	.25 b.40		
5	Strathmore Rd trip	.75 1.30	.65 1.20	.45 .75	.25 .40	
6	Porterville Rd trip	.90 1.60	.80 1.40	.60 1.00	.35 .60	.25 .40

The schedule under which he proposes to operate is as follows:

<u>Going South</u>		<u>Daily</u>		<u>Going North</u>	
	A. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.
Leave Visalia	11:00	6:45	Leave Porterville	9:30	3:00
" Exeter	11:30	7:15	" Strathmore	9:45	3:15
" Lindsay	12:00	7:45	" Lindsay	10:00	3:30
" Strathmore	12:15	8:00	" Exeter	10:30	4:00
<u>Arrive</u>					
Porterville	12:30	8:15	" Visalia	11:00	4:30

His equipment is a Packard Twin Six car seating ten passengers.

All of the transportation agencies interested in the territory in question including stage lines and the Southern Pacific Company were notified of the hearing. The only appearance on behalf of others who might be interested was that of Mr. F. O. Bratt, operating the Pioneer Stage Line from Visalia to Porterville. He stated that he was only interested to see what schedule applicant proposed to operate under. He stated that he had no objection to the granting of the application to operate on the schedule attached to the application; that the existing schedules of trains and stages and that proposed by applicant would not conflict; that these schedules were arranged to give the best service to the traveling public, and that he considered there was great need for additional stage service under the schedule proposed.

Applicant states that he has faithfully maintained his Fresno schedule and that he is prepared to maintain the schedule proposed and owns a Cadillac light car which he would use, if his Packard car should be out of repair. He states that he is prepared to suffer a loss from the new line while the business is being established, and that he understands that if the application is granted he will be under obligation to serve the public until relieved from that obligation by the Railroad Commission.

O R D E R

J. E. Moore having filed herein a petition asking that the Railroad Commission declare that public

convenience and necessity require the said Moore to establish and operate an automobile stage service for the transportation of passengers and express packages between Visalia and Porterville and intermediate points, and a public hearing having been held thereon and the matter having been submitted, and being now ready for decision;

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation by said J. E. Moore of an automobile stage service for transportation of passengers and express packages between Visalia and Porterville and intermediate points; provided that this declaration shall not become effective until said Moore has procured from the Railroad Commission a supplemental order herein, reciting that said Moore has filed herein certified copies of permits from the County of Tulare and the Cities of Visalia, Exeter, Lindsay and Porterville, as required by Section 3, Chapter 213, Laws of 1917, and provided further that the rights and franchises herein granted shall not be assigned or transferred unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such assignment or transfer has first been secured.

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

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Edwin O. Edgerton

Commissioners.