

Decision No. 5251

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DECISION NO. _____

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application)
of P. L. WIERSMA operating under)
the name of the Peerless Stage)
Association for certificate of)
public convenience and necessity)
to operate stage service between)
Oakland and Monterey.)

APPLICATION NO. 3530.

- P. L. Wiersma in propria persona.
- V. W. Mathieu, Protestant.
- R. G. Hudson for R. L. Hepple,
Thos. Hepple and M. V.
Anehart, Protestants.
- Chas. F. Wren for Pickwick Stages,
Northern Division, Protestant.

GORDON, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N

P. L. Wiersma has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by him of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Oakland and Monterey and intermediate points.

A public hearing was held at San Francisco on March 8, 1918, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicant proposes to operate a schedule of one round trip between Oakland and Monterey and to increase the number of trips as the traffic may warrant.

A proposed schedule of rates was filed as "Exhibit A" attached to the application in this proceeding.

The equipment proposed to be used consists of two Twin-six Packard automobiles, each with a seating capacity of

nine passengers.

No permits have been secured by applicant from the governing bodies of the various political subdivisions through which the proposed line will pass as required by the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 213, Laws of 1917.

Applicant proposes to operate from Oakland over the state highway to Niles, Mission San Jose, San Jose, Gilroy, San Juan, Salinas and thence to Monterey, and relies on the demand stated to exist for a through service between Oakland and Monterey by the use of high grade equipment. No evidence was furnished by applicant that would indicate any public demand for through service as proposed. Protestants testified that the service between Oakland and Monterey was well cared for by several established lines and that the granting of a certificate would not serve any public demand but would interfere with the local business now satisfactorily cared for by established lines, furnishing reliable service and that were able to increase their service to meet the demands of traffic.

The territory between Oakland and San Jose is cared for by the service of the Peerless Stage Association operating on a half-hourly schedule; the territory between San Jose and Gilroy is cared for by R. L. Hepple and M. V. Engert and also by V. W. Mathieu, the latter operating from Gilroy to San Juan; the territory between San Juan and Salinas is served by the San Juan - Hollister - Salinas Auto Stage Line; and the territory between Salinas and Monterey is served by the Salinas-Monterey Stage Line. The through service as regards the portion of the route between San Jose and Salinas is also served by the Pickwick Stages, Northern Division, as a portion of their

through route to Los Angeles, at present operating three trips per week but which will operate on a schedule of two round trips per day during the summer season.

The testimony of the protestants indicates that close connections are made at San Jose, San Juan and Salinas enabling through passengers to receive proper service, and that the existing lines are not patronized to the capacity of their cars. No complaint as to the existing service has been made or as to any inconvenience in transfer at points en route.

After careful consideration of all the evidence in this proceeding, I am of the opinion that no showing has been made as to the necessity for the establishment of through service between Oakland and Monterey as sought by applicant.

I recommend that the application be dismissed.

O R D E R

P. L. Wiersma having petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by him of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Oakland and Monterey and intermediate points, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being fully advised,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES, That public convenience and necessity do not require the operation by P. L. Wiersma of an automobile stage line between Oakland and Monterey, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That this application be and the same hereby is dismissed.

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 29th-day of March, 1918.

Max Thelen

Alfred Gordon

Edwin O. Edgerton

Commissioners.