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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application)
of WARREN T. HANLEY for certificate)
of public convenience and necessity)
to operate stage or truck service be-)
tween Carpinteria and Santa Barbara.)

Application No. 3411.

Warren T. Hanley for applicant.
 J. W. Smith for Lloyd Transportation
 Company, protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Warren T. Hanley applies for certificate that public convenience and necessity require him to operate automobile service between Santa Barbara and Carpinteria via Montecito and Summerland, a distance of about 12 miles, for the common carriage of passengers and express packages.

A public hearing upon the application was held by Examiner Westover at Santa Barbara.

Applicant proposes to provide four 7 passenger Ford cars, using three regularly and keeping one in reserve. He proposes to operate twenty-eight round trips between 6:20 A.M. and 11:30 P.M., the schedule until 7:40 P.M. being at half hour intervals. After that time he proposes a trip leaving Carpinteria at 9:50 and two trips leaving Santa Barbara at 9:10 and 10:50 P.M. respectively. His proposed fares are from Santa Barbara to Carpinteria, 25¢; Summerland, 20¢; Montecito, 15¢; with twenty ride commutation books for \$4.50, \$3.75 and \$2.75 respectively. His proposed package rates are the same to each point, being 5 pounds or less 10¢, 5 pounds to 10 pounds 15¢, 10 pounds to 25 pounds, 25¢.

The reason alleged as justification for the application is that Lloyd Transportation Company, now operating between the above terminals over the same route, is giving poor service and charging higher fares than applicant proposes.

Applicant's testimony tended to show a disregard or violation in greater or less degree of the safety rules and operating regulations prescribed by the Commission on November 6, 1917, in Decision No. 4814, Case No. 1110, - In the matter of rates, fares, charges, classifications, rules and regulations of transportation companies as defined in Chapter 213, Laws of 1917. The proceeding referred to was an investigation upon the Commission's own motion into the operation of stage lines in the state to provide a basis for the formulation

of rules and regulations which would provide the greatest amount of convenience and safety to the traveling public combined with the minimum of burden on the transportation companies.

Lloyd's Transportation Company, at the hearing, offered testimony tending to show that as to some of the regulations suitable instructions had been issued to employes, and so far as known they were being observed, and that certain other rules had been misconstrued.

Copy of the opinion and order in Decision No. 4821, containing the rules referred to was forwarded to the company at the time it was issued; and subsequently, in correspondence, its attention was called to specific rules, and at the present hearing they were all sufficiently discussed so that there seems little opportunity for misunderstanding in the future concerning them. The company is apparently able to fully comply with all of the rules and regulations which were promulgated by the

Commission for the safety and convenience of the traveling public after a careful study of the subject. It only remains to be seen whether the company intends to observe such rules in the operation of its automobile stage line.

Lloyd's Transportation Company has seven 15-passenger busses and two 24-passenger busses, and appears to possess sufficient equipment to satisfactorily furnish the high standard of service which the Commission expects. It has a considerable investment in the automobile stage business and if it is able and willing to furnish satisfactory service it should be given a final opportunity to do so. Its present rates, which were established with the authority of the Commission are:

Miles	Between	Santa Barbara	Montecito	Summerland
6	Montecito	20	-	-
7	Summerland	25	5	-
12	Carpinteria (Linden Ave.)	35	15	10

15 ride commutation

Santa Barbara and Montecito - \$2.25
 Santa Barbara and Summerland - \$2.50
 Santa Barbara and Carpinteria - \$3.00

The above rates were authorized only with the understanding that high class service and full compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations would be furnished.

From the showing made by Lloyd's

Transportation Company of the number of passengers carried, particularly at the busier hours of the day, it is probable that applicant's proposed equipment would not be sufficient to take care of the travel. His theory, however, is that by operating upon a half hour schedule instead of an hour schedule, which is the present service, there will be little or no congestion of traffic, and that by operating lighter cars he can furnish service at a lower cost than the present operating company.

Under the circumstances shown above, the present application will be denied; but without prejudice to the right of applicant to renew it if future conditions warrant a proposal to give better and more satisfactory service over the route covered by the application.

O R D E R

WARREN E. HANLEY having applied to the Commission for certificate that public convenience and necessity require him to operate an automobile service between Santa Barbara and Carpinteria for the common carriage of passengers and express packages, and a public hearing having been held thereon, and it appearing to the Commission that public convenience and necessity do not at the present time require the service proposed, the application is

hereby denied, but without prejudice of the right of applicant to renew it if future conditions warrant a proposal to give better service.

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 10th day of April, 1918.

Max Thelen

H. B. Loveland

Geo. Gordon

Commissioners.