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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application)
of PICKWICK STAGES, Incorporated,)
for an order declaring that pub-)
lic convenience and necessity re-)
quire the operation by it of lines)
of automobile stages over specific)
routes and between designated ter-)
mini in the Counties of San Diego,)
Imperial, San Bernardino, Riverside,)
Orange and Los Angeles.)

Application No. 3563.

Warren E. Libby for Pickwick Stages, Incorporated.
H. W. Kidd for Clark's Bus Line, White Bus Line and
Crown Stages.

THEILLEN, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N.

Pickwick Stages, Incorporated, a corporation, asks that the Railroad Commission make its order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by it of lines of automobile stages over specified routes and between designated termini in the Counties of San Diego, Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange and Los Angeles.

A public hearing herein was held in San Diego on April 22, 1918. Notice of the hearing was given to all counties and municipalities affected and to all lines of automobile stages operating between points covered by the application. No one appeared in opposition to the granting of the petition herein. Clark's Bus Line, White Bus Line and Crown Stages appeared, but in view of the fact that the application is not to cover the transportation of local passengers between Santa Ana and Los Angeles, Ontario and Los Angeles and Santa Ana and Anaheim, these lines stated that

they have no objection to the granting of the petition.

Pickwick Stages, a partnership, have heretofore filed with this Commission tariffs for the operation of lines of automobile stages over the following routes and between the following termini:

San Diego to El Centro, California, by way of: Dulzura, Potrero, Campo, Warren's Ranch, Boulevard, Jacumba, Mountain Springs, Coyote Wells, Dixieland, Seeley and El Centro.

San Diego to Julian, California, by way of: Lakeside, Dexter, Foster, Mussey's, Shady Dell, Earl School, Ramona, Ballena, Witch Creek, Santa Ysabel, Wynola, Julian and Pine Hills.

San Diego to Los Angeles, California, on inland route by way of: Escondido, San Marcos, Vista, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Rainbow, Temecula, Murrietta Springs, Elsinore, Perris, Riverside, Ontario, Pomona and Los Angeles.

San Diego to Los Angeles, California, on coast route, by way of: Linda Vista-Camp Kearney, Oceanside, Capistrano, Santa Ana and Los Angeles.

San Diego to Escondido, California, by way of: Linda Vista-Camp Kearney, Poway Corners and Escondido.

San Diego to Descanso, California, by way of: El Cajon, Bostonia, Lakeview, Flynn Springs, Alpine, Willows, Viejas, Descanso and Ellis Ranch.

El Centro to Calexico, California, by way of Heber.

El Centro to Calipatria, California, by way of: Imperial and Brawley.

El Centro to Holtville, California, by way of Mellowland.

Brawley to Westmoreland, California.

Mr. A. L. Hayes, Mr. A. L. Clayburg, Mr. W. G. Marshon and Mr. H. E. Kettering, being the persons who have heretofore constituted the partnership known as Pickwick Stages, have caused the incorporation of petitioner herein and intend, when petitioner has secured the necessary permits from all the public authorities affected, to convey all the property ^{and rights} of the partnership to the corporation. The corporation will hereafter make application to the Railroad Commission for authority to issue securities to pay

for the property to be acquired by it. Petitioner will promptly make application to the appropriate county and municipal authorities for permits as required by Section 3, Chapter 213, Laws of 1917.

Petitioner proposes to operate over the same routes, for the same fares and on the same schedules as Pickwick Stages, the partnership. The equipment to be used will be partly equipment heretofore used on the runs of Pickwick Stages and partly new equipment to be secured by petitioner.

The incorporation of petitioner and the plans of the incorporators in connection therewith constitute a distinct step forward in placing the affairs of Pickwick Stages on a more substantial basis and are, in my opinion, distinctly in the public interest. These steps are in accordance with the suggestions heretofore made by this Commission to Pickwick Stages.

I recommend that the petition be granted and submit herewith the following form of order:

O R D E R.

Pickwick Stages, Incorporated, a corporation, having made application for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by it of lines of automobile stages over the routes and between the termini specified in the opinion which precedes this order, a public hearing having been held, this proceeding having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require and will require the operation by Pickwick Stages, Incorporated, of lines of automobile stages over the routes and between the termini specified in the opinion which precedes this order; provided, that this declaration shall not become effective until the Railroad Commission has issued a supplemental order or orders

herein declaring that petitioner has filed herein certified copies of permits from all the counties and municipalities affected as provided by Chapter 213, Laws of 1917, and that Pickwick Stages, a partnership, has filed with the Railroad Commission written notice of cancellation of its tariffs and of retirement from business; 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 secured.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that no vehicle may be operated under this certificate unless such vehicle is owned by petitioner herein or is leased by petitioner under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

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 April, 1918.

Max Thelem
H. H. Ireland
W. G. ...

Francis R. ...

Commissioners.