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Decision No. 5417

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of
 CHRIST STAVROS and NICK STAVROS, a
 co-partnership, doing business under
 the name of MERCED FALLS STAGE LINE,
 for certificate of public convenience
 and necessity to operate passenger
 service between Merced Falls, Merced
 County, California, and Merced City
 Merced County, California.)
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) Application No. 3683.
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Terry W. Ward for Applicants
 J. J. Griffin for Yosemite Valley
 Railroad Co.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

Christ Stavros and Nick Stavros, co-partners,
 request the Railroad Commission to declare that public con-
 venience and necessity require them to operate a passenger
 stage service between Merced and Merced Falls.

A public hearing in the application was held
 by Examiner Westover on May 10, 1918.

Applicants have been operating between Merced
 and Merced Falls via Snelling for about five months, beginning
 the middle of December 1917. Since January 19th, last, they
 have operated a new Willis-Knight seven passenger car, one
 round trip per day from Merced Falls to Merced.

The only established transportation service is
 that afforded by Yosemite Valley Railroad Company.

The comparative schedules and fares of the railroad and stage line are as follows:

SCHEDULE

Stage	RR-S	R.R.	R.R.*	Stage	R.R.	R.R.*	R.R.-S.
3:30 PM	2:00 PM	8:30 AM	7:15 AM	Merced	11:00AM	2:45 PM	4:50 PM 11:30 PM
4:30 PM	2:39 PM	9:09 AM	8:09 AM	Snelling	10:00AM	1:55 PM	4:10 PM 10:55 PM
5:00 PM	2:54 PM	9:24 AM	8:45 AM	Mer.Falls	9:30 AM	1:35 PM	3:56 PM 10:42 PM

* Freight train carrying passengers.

S- Extra train for 4 1/3 months in summer-From 1917 schedule.

FARES.

<u>Between</u>	<u>RR</u>	<u>*RR Comu.</u>	<u>**Stage</u>
Merced and Merced Falls	2.00	1.20	1.62
Merced and Snelling	1.45	.87	1.35
Snelling and Merced Falls	.55		.27

*In 10-ride family commutation books, 6 mo. limit

** Includes war tax.

It will be noticed that the schedule of the stage line which is to be operated from Merced Falls to Merced and return, will afford an opportunity for travel at different times of the day than that afforded by the railroad. As indicated by note following the schedule, one of the trains shown is taken from the 1917 schedule. For many years this extra train has been operated during the summer, usually from May 1st to September 15th, but at the time of the hearing no definite information could be given as to when the extra train would be put on for the summer of 1918.

The railroad schedule is subject to such change as may be necessary to afford connection with trains in the San Joaquin Valley passing through Merced, which, it was stated at the hearing, would probably be rescheduled by the Railroad Administration.

While the stage has thus far carried but comparatively few passengers, its patronage indicates that it serves public convenience for people wishing to travel at the time and in the manner provided by applicants and is not likely to prove a serious competitor of the railroad.

O R D E R

CHRIST STAVROS and NICK STAVROS, co-partnership, having applied to the Railroad Commission for a declaration that public convenience and necessity require them to operate a passenger stage service between Merced and Merced Falls in Merced County, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Christ Stavros and Nick Stavros, a co-partnership, of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Merced and Merced Falls in Merced County;

Provided, however, that this declaration shall not become effective until applicants herein shall have received a supplemental order from the Railroad Commission reciting that there has been filed herein certified copies of permits issued by the legislative or other governing board or body of each incorporated city or town and County within or through which applicants intend to operate as required by Section 3 of Chapter 213, Laws of 1918; and provided further that the rights and privileges herein granted shall not be assigned or transferred

unless the written consent to such assignment or transfer has first been procured.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of May, 1918.

Max Thelem
H. D. Loomis
Chas. Gordon

Commissioners