

Decision No. _____

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 5490

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

---oOo---

In the matter of the application	}	Application No. 3616.
of MARK J. REGAN for certificate		
of public convenience and neces-		
sity to operate stage or truck		
service between the Town of San		
Juan and the Town of Watsonville.	}	}

Geo. H. Moore for applicant.
 Thos. E. O'Donnell and R. E.
 Hudson for V. W. Mathew, protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Mark J. Regan applies for a certificate that public convenience and necessity require him to operate a stage service between San Juan, San Benito County, and Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.

A public hearing on the application was held by Examiner Westover at Watsonville on May 6th.

Applicant has operated a stage line between Hollister and the Southern Pacific Station at Sargent via San Juan for 47 years, and now wishes to extend operation from San Juan to Watsonville. He plans to operate two round trips a day.

He presented no evidence tending to show how many passengers could reasonably be expected to

patronize his proposed line nor that public convenience and necessity require additional service. He testified that he considered that no stage service is needed in that vicinity in addition to that he now renders between Hollister and Sargent.

The only testimony presented was that of applicant and the record in Application No. 3117 of V. W. Matheu requesting certificate that public convenience and necessity required him to operate stage service between Watsonville and Hollister five round trips a day, in which the Commission granted Mr. Matheu the authority sought in Decision No. 4764 of October 19, 1917, provided local permits required by the state law were subsequently procured.

It appeared from the testimony offered in support of said Application No. 3117 that there was then a good prospect that applicant would succeed in developing sufficient patronage for his new line to enable him to render high-class service. From the testimony of applicant herein it appears that Mr. Matheu has been rendering good service and has maintained his schedules in good and bad

weather and under unfavorable condition of road. There was no testimony, however, relating to the present patronage of the line heretofore operated by Mr. Mathew. There is nothing in this record to indicate that public convenience and necessity require the service proposed by applicant.

Applicant further testified that he had requested the local authorities not to act upon Mr. Mathew's application for local permits until the present application has been passed upon by the Commission, but that he does not otherwise oppose the granting of local permits to Mr. Mathew, or operation of line by him. It appears, however, that because of Mr. Regan's above request, no action has been taken upon Mr. Mathew's applications for local permits, except that the authorities of Watsonville, the largest community involved, have granted permits to both applicants.

O R D E R

MARK J. REGAN having applied to the Railroad Commission for certificate that public convenience and necessity require him to operate stage service for the transportation of passengers between San Juan, San Benito County, and Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, and intermediate points, a public hearing having been held thereon, and the Commission being now fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application be and
it is hereby denied for the reasons set forth in the opinion
preceding this order.

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

Wm. Thelen
H. D. Loveland
Alfred J. ...

Commissioners.