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Decision No. 55149

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of)
UNITED STAGES COMPANY for a certi-)
ficate of public convenience and)
necessity to operate auto stages)
between Placerville and points on)
Lake Tahoe.)
.....)

APPLICATION NO. 3705.

Louis E. Smith, for Applicants.

W. A. Latta, for Star Auto Stage Association,
Protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

This is an application of Louis E. Smith, George Zurfluh and Gino Antichi, co-partners, doing business under the firm name and style of United Stages Company, for a certificate declaring that public convenience and necessity requires the operation by them of an auto stage line between Placerville, El Dorado and Lake Tahoe, and various summer resorts near Lake Tahoe. The territory is at present receiving auto stage service from the Pierce-Arrow Stage Company, which company appeared to protest against the granting of the application.

Applicants are the owners of two Pierce-Arrow, one Pope-Hartford and one Studebaker automobiles. They testified that they were in a position to get sufficient substitution equipment in case it might be necessary to maintain service according to proposed schedules.

Numerous witnesses were produced on behalf of the protestant, all of whom testified that the utility now serving

