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Decision No. 5595

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application
of CARLETON H. ECKLES for certificate
of public convenience and necessity to
operate passenger, baggage and express
service between Stirling City and Chico. } Application No. 3855

In the matter of the application
of WALTER AUGUSTUS BAILEY for certificate
of public convenience and necessity to
operate passenger and freight service
between Chico and De Sable. } Application No. 3916

Carleton H. Eckles in propria persona.
L. G. Faulkner for Walter Augustus Bailey.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Carleton H. Eckles applies for authority to operate passenger, baggage and express stage between Stirling City and Chico, in Butte County.

A public hearing on the application was held by Examiner Westover at Chico.

Mr. Eckles proposes to operate a 7-passenger Hudson car between Chico and Stirling City, via De Sable, or Camp One, and Coutolenc, a total distance of about 32 miles, over unpaved roads, mostly mountainous. That portion of the road lying between Chico and De Sable, about 23 miles, can usually be traveled the year round, but the remaining 9 miles is usually blocked by snow from about January 1 to May 1 each year.

Mr. Bailey has a contract to carry the mail for a period of four years, beginning July 1, 1918, between Chico and De Sabla, and seeks authority to also carry passengers and freight between those points over the route above described. He has a Buick combination passenger and freight automobile with movable cross seats which will accommodate 7 passengers besides the driver, or 1200 pounds of freight instead, or both freight and passengers, if desired. His running time between Chico and De Sabla is about two and one-half to three hours, although his contract allows him to make the trip in each direction in about five hours. His time schedule, filed with his application, shows only the time of leaving Chico, 7 A.M. and leaving De Sabla, 1 P.M. and provides no service on Sunday.

Mr. Eckles' schedule affords opportunity for using Southern Pacific day trains, to or from San Francisco, and Northern Electric trains to and from Sacramento; while Mr. Bailey's schedule will afford connection with Southern Pacific night trains to and from San Francisco and also with Northern Electric trains to and from Sacramento. Mr. Eckles' schedule will also afford opportunity to people along the route to visit Chico, have about 6 hours there to transact business, and return to their homes the same day.

Mr. Eckles' proposed schedule is shown below. Mr. Bailey's scheduled time of departure is also shown. Service under both schedules will prove a public convenience.

CARLETON H. ECKLES' SCHEDULE

<u>East Bound</u>				<u>Destinations</u>	<u>West Bound</u>		
<u>Sunday</u> P.M.	<u>Sunday</u> A. M.	<u>Satur- day</u> P.M.	<u>Daily</u> Except Sat. & Sun. P.M.		<u>Daily</u> Except Sat. & Sun. A.M.	<u>Saturday</u> P.M.	<u>Sunday</u> P.M.
9:15	10:15	3:45	6:35 Ar.	Stirling City Lv.	6:15	5:30	2:00
8:35	9:35	3:05	5:55 Ar.	Lovelock	Lv. 5:55	6:10	2:40
8:15	9:15	2:45	5:35 Ar.	Coutolenc	Lv. 7:15	6:30	3:00
7:45	8:45	2:15	5:05 Ar.	Camp One	Lv. 7:45	7:00	3:30
7:30	8:30	2:00	4:50 Ar.	Nimshew	Lv. 8:00	7:15	3:45
6:50	7:50	1:20	4:10 Ar.	Centerville	Lv. 8:40	7:55	4:25
6:00	7:00	12:30	3:20 Lv.	Chico	Ar. 9:30	8:45	5:15

WALTER AUGUSTUS BAILEY'S SCHEDULE

Leave Chico daily except Sunday at 7 A.M.

Leave De Sabla daily except Sunday at 1:00 P.M.

Mr. Eckles will want to discontinue service during a portion of the year when the roads to the east of De Sabla are impassable and during which time the lumber and mill industry at Coutolenc is usually not in operation.

Application for such authority may be made informally at the proper time and it will be considered on its merits and probably disposed of informally.

O R D E R

CARLETON H. ECKLES having applied to the Commission for authority to operate passenger baggage and express service between Chico and Stirling City, and Walter Augustus Bailey having applied to the Commission for authority to op-

erate passenger and freight service between Chico and De Sabla, all in Butte County, a public hearing having been held thereon and both matters being now ready for decision.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Carleton H. Eckles of automobile passenger, baggage and express service between Chico and Stirling City, and intermediate points, and by Walter Augustus Bailey of automobile passenger and freight service between Chico and De Sabla, and intermediate points, all in Butte County:

PROVIDED this declaration shall not become effective as to either applicant until said applicant has procured from the Railroad Commission supplemental order herein reciting that said applicant has filed herein certified copies of permits from the City of Chico and the County of Butte, as provided by Section 3 of Chapter 213, Laws of 1917; and

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 procured.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th
day of July, 1918.

Edwin O. Edwards
A. D. Loveland
W. G. Gordon

Commissioners.