

Decision No. 5873

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application  
of E. B. STEVENSON and OLIVER  
KEPHART for certificate of public  
convenience and necessity to op-  
erate stage service between Blythe,  
California, and Riverside, California.

) Application No. 3636.  
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Frank L. Miller for applicant.  
Serau and Thompson for Ralph E. Williams  
and W. J. McKinley, protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Applicants wish authority to operate  
an automobile stage service between Blythe and Riverside,  
both in Riverside County.

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

Applicants propose to operate three  
round trips per week via Banning, Palm Springs, Coachella  
and Mecca. Their equipment consists of three high powered  
7-passenger automobiles. Between Riverside and Mecca the  
route, except <sup>as</sup> to Palm Springs, follows the Southern Pacific  
quite closely and thence direct from Mecca to Blythe  
across the desert. No other stage line serves the territory  
between Banning and Blythe. The only other means of trans-  
portation between Blythe and Riverside is via the Santa

The route through Blythe Junction, Barstow and San Bernardino, with a round trip service six days a week. Applicants have operated for several months, carrying an average of three passengers each way each trip. They believe the patronage will be greatly increased when it becomes known that stage service between Mecca and Blythe is available. Most of their patrons travel between Blythe and points on the Southern Pacific, there being but little stage travel between points reached by the railroad.

The interest of Messrs. Williams and McKinley as protestants is due to the fact that Mr. Williams operates a stage line between Riverside, Beaumont and Banning, which line he proposes to convey to Mr. McKinley who has heretofore filed application for certificate of public convenience and necessity covering that portion of applicants' proposed route.

Opposition, however, was withdrawn at the hearing upon entering stipulation that applicants will not take local business between Riverside and Banning originating and destined to those points or intermediate points.

Applicants' schedules and tariff, when offered for filing will contain provisions to this effect. Applicants would nevertheless receive and deliver through passengers originating or destined to points between Banning and Riverside.

Necessary local permits have been procured from the cities of Riverside, Beaumont, Banning and Blythe. It is stated that permit has been granted by the County of Riverside and will be issued when certain bonds required of

applicants have been filed.

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E. B. STEVENSON and OLIVER KEPHART

having applied to the Railroad Commission for a declaration that public convenience and necessity require them to operate a passenger stage service between Riverside and Blythe, both in Riverside 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 E. B. Stevenson and Oliver Kephart of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers and baggage between Riverside and Blythe, both in Riverside 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 have been filed herein certified copies of permits issued by the legislative or other governing board or body of each incorporated city or town or county within or through which applicants intend to operate, as required 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 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1918.

*Edwin G. Edgerton*  
*A. S. [unclear]*  
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Commissioners.