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Decision No 5920.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application
of WILHITE-MITCHELL BALLOON ROUTE
for certificate of public conven-
ience and necessity to operate
stage or truck service between
City of Pasadena and City of Ar-
cadia.

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) Application No. 3856.
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A. R. Jamison for Applicant
Oscar A. Smith and R. C. Gortner for Pacific
Electric Railway Company.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

This is an application by Wilhite-Mitchell Balloon Route, a co-partnership, for a certificate of this Commission that public convenience and necessity require the operation by applicant of service for the transportation of passengers and express packages between Colorado and Delacy Street, City of Pasadena and Balloon Field, City of Arcadia and intermediate points.

The conditions relied upon by applicant as a justification for granting of the certificate by this Commission is that the United States Government has established a balloon school and field at the City of Arcadia and that the service is required by visitors to the field and by the soldiers who desire transportation from the field to Pasadena and other points.

The only evidence offered by applicant that public convenience and necessity would be served by the installation of this service was their unsupported statements.

At the present time Pacific Electric Railway is operating eleven round trips daily between Pasadena and Balloon Field. In addition thereto there is operated in connection with the Canteen at the Balloon Field, automobiles for the transportation of soldiers. Both the Pacific Electric Railway and the Army authorities protest against the application herein.

In view of the service now rendered by protestants and the lack of showing on the part of applicant that there is any real public necessity for the installation of this service, we find as a fact that public convenience and necessity do not require the establishment of the proposed service and the application will be denied.

O R D E R

WILHITE - MITCHELL BALLOON ROUTE having made application to the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by them of an automobile stage line for the transportation of passengers and express packages between Colorado and Delacy Street, City of Pasadena and Balloon Field, City of Arcadia and intermediate points, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being fully advised and basing its order on the finding of fact as set forth in the opinion which precedes this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same hereby is denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of November, 1918.

Edwin O. Edgerton
A. S. Rowland
Miss Gordon
Frank R. Kewley

Commissioners