

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 6317.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of)
the OAKLAND VALLEJO TRANSIT CO., a)
copartnership, composed of Aven J.)
Hanford, O. H. Klatt and F. D. Everman,)
for certificate of public convenience)
and necessity to operate motor bus)
passenger service between Oakland and)
Rodeo.)
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Application No. 4462

Tom Suden and Tom Suden, by Peter Tom Suden,
for Applicant.

W. E. Smith for San Francisco-Oakland Terminal
Railways Co., Protestant.

Percy L. Bliss for Bay Shore Stage Company.

C. E. Brown for San Francisco-Napa and Calistoga
Railway.

BY THE COMMISSION

ORDER

Oakland Vallejo Transit Co., a copartnership, consisting of Aven J. Hanford, O. H. Klatt and F. D. Everman, have petitioned the Railroad Commission for approval of a transfer of the certificate of public convenience and necessity heretofore granted to John R. Hanford under Application No. 3957 (Decision No. 5916 dated November 15, 1918) authorizing the operation of passenger service between Rodeo and El Cerrito, and for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers by applicants between El Cerrito and the City of Oakland, thereby making possible

a continuous service without change of vehicle between Rodeo and Oakland.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Handford at San Francisco on April 26, 1919, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicants propose to charge fares in accordance with a schedule marked exhibit "A" and filed with the application in this proceeding, and to operate on a schedule leaving Oakland, daily, at 7:00 A. M., and thereafter on a headway of one hour and twenty minutes until 8:20 P. M.; leaving Rodeo at 8:15 A.M., daily and thereafter on a headway of one hour and twenty minutes until 9:35 P. M., such schedule being arranged to make connection with the steamers of the Rodeo-Vallejo Ferry Company.

The equipment proposed to be used is as follows:

One White Automobile Bus, State License No. 473982.

One Locomobile Bus, State License No. 294089.

One White Automobile Bus, State License No. 474624.

One White Automobile Bus, State License No. 473811.

Three other busses of White manufacture have been ordered but delivery has not yet been made.

Witnesses for applicant testified as to the desire of residents of Vallejo for direct and expedited service to and from the city of Oakland, such service being available by a combination of the proposed route with the ferry service of the Rodeo-Vallejo Ferry Company. At the present time passengers desiring transportation between Oakland and Vallejo use the trains of the Southern Pacific Company, requiring a ferry transfer between South Vallejo and Vallejo Junction; the Monticello Steamship

Company from Vallejo to San Francisco and a choice of the Key Route or Southern Pacific Ferry San Francisco to Oakland; or a combination of the Rodeo-Vallejo Ferry, Rodeo-El Cerrito Auto Bus, and San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railway Traction Service from El Cerrito to Oakland. All of these routes require more time than will be necessary under the proposed through route contemplated by applicant.

Applicant sets forth in its petition that it will not carry local passengers between Richmond and Oakland, and intermediate points, although has included such rates in its proposed tariff filed as Exhibit "A". At the hearing on this application, attorney for applicant stipulated that it was not desired that authorization be given for the handling of local passengers between Oakland and Richmond and intermediate points.

Applicant has filed in this proceeding an assignment by John R. Hanford of all right, title and interest in permits heretofore issued by the City of Richmond, the Towns of El Cerrito, Pinole, Hercules and the County of Contra Costa, also the certificate of public convenience and necessity heretofore issued by the Railroad Commission under its Decision No. 5916 on Application No. 3957.

Applicant has secured permits as required by the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 213, Laws of 1917, from the Boards of Trustees of the City of Albany and the Town of Emeryville, the Council of the City of Berkeley and the City Council of the City of Oakland; also formal consent to the transfer of permits heretofore issued to John R. Hanford from the Board of Trustees of the Town of Pinole and El Cerrito, the Council of the City of Richmond and the Board of Supervisors of the County

of Contra Costa, as evidenced by certified copies thereof filed with this Commission.

After careful consideration of all the evidence in this proceeding we are of the opinion that the proposed service will satisfactorily care for the public desiring motor transportation between Rodeo and Oakland, and between Vallejo and Oakland in conjunction with the service rendered by the Rodeo-Vallejo Ferry Company.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Oakland Vallejo Transit Co., a copartnership composed of Aven J. Hanford, O. H. Klatt and F. D. Everman, of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between El Cerrito and Oakland, subject to the conditions hereinafter ordered; provided, however, that the rights and privileges herein granted may not be transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such transfer or assignment shall have first been procured.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application for a transfer of the rights and privileges heretofore granted to John R. Hanford on November 15, 1918 under this Commission's Decision No. 5916 (Application No. 3957 to operate between Rodeo and El Cerrito) be and the same hereby is approved; provided, however, that a certified copy of a resolution from the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hercules consenting to a transfer of permit issued to John R. Hanford to applicants herein shall be filed with this Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that no local business shall be handled between Richmond and Oakland or intermediate points.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER 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 a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of May, 1919.

Edwin J. Edgerton
H. S. Loveland
Frank R. Wilson
H. A. Bundege

Commissioners.