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Decision No. 6329.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of GEORGE W. HICKS and JAMES VASSALIO for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate passenger service between Stockton, San Joaquin County and Byron, Contra Costa County, California.

Application No. 4398.

EX THE COMMISSION

## ORDER

George W. Hicks and James Vassallo, partners in business under the name and style of Hicks and Vassallo, have petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by them of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Stockton and Byron and intermediate points.

Applicants propose to charge rates in accordance with a schedule marked Exhibit "A" and filed with the application in this proceeding, and to operate on a schedule of four round. trips daily serving as intermediate stations the communities at Holt, Middle River and Old River. The equipment proposed to be used will consist of one seven-passenger Haynes Automobile, 35 H. P., and one seven-passenger Cadillac Automobile, 40 H. P., the equipment not yet having been secured pending action upon this application the State Motor Vehicle Incense Numbers are not yet available.

The service proposed by applicants will be of advantage

to the rapidly developing agricultural section known as the Delta lands and will supplement the infrequent train service now offerred by the passenger trains of the Southern Pacific Railroad and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fo Railway.

Applicants have secured permits from the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Contra Costa and San Joaquin and from the Council of the City of Stockton, as required by the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 215, Lams of 1917, as evidenced by certified copies thereof which have been filed in this proceeding.

We are of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted.

THE PAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by George W.

Hicks and James Vascallo, partners in business under the name and style of Hicks and Vascallo, of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Stockton and Byron and intermediate points; 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 will have first been procured.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of May, 1919.

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