

Decision No. 6587

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application)
of N.A.Webb on behalf of himself)
and F.S.Hendricks operating under)
the name of Mt. Wilson Stage Line)
for authority to increase passen-)
ger fare.)

APPLICATION No. 4729.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application N. A. Webb, acting on behalf of himself and F. S. Hendricks, owners of automobile passenger stages operating under the fictitious name of Mt. Wilson Stage Line between Los Angeles and Mt. Wilson, requests authority to increase the round trip fare of \$3.00 now in effect to \$3.50.

It is shown by statements attached to the application that the stage line has a capital investment of \$5400.00 and that during the year July 1, 1917 to July 1, 1918 it operated at a profit of \$357.62 and for the year July 1, 1918 to July 1, 1919 there was a profit of \$231.67. The increase in revenue for the 1919 period over 1918 was \$1390.71, while the increase in expenses amounted to \$1516.79. The number of round trip tickets sold during the 1917-1918 period was 1387, while the number sold during the 1918-1919 period was 1875.

In the operation of the line, one of the partners, F.S.Hendricks, acts as driver, drawing a salary of \$125.00 per month and the other partner, N.A.Webb, attends to the management of the business, drawing no salary, but depending upon the profits to compensate him for services rendered.

It is shown that the expenses of operation, including licenses, federal tax, supplies and cost of repairs, have steadily increased during the past two years.

The service performed by this stage line is essentially of a sightseeing nature on the part of travelers visiting the Mt. Wilson Observatory and other points of interest in that vicinity.

It appearing to the Commission that the necessity for an increase in rates has been fully justified and that no public hearing is required in this matter, the application should be granted.

O R D E R

N. A. Webb and F. S. Hendricks, owners of the Mt. Wilson Stage Line, having applied to the Commission for authority to increase the round trip passenger fare between Los Angeles and Mt. Wilson from \$3.00 to \$3.50, and it appearing that the request should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that N. A. Webb and F. S. Hendricks, owners of the Mt. Wilson Stage Line, are hereby authorized to increase the round trip passenger fare between Los Angeles and Mt. Wilson from \$3.00 to \$3.50.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of August, 1919.

Erwin C. Edgerton
W. D. Loveland
Frank R. Hart
James E. Martin
Commissioners.