

and Big Pine, also feeder connections to the communities at Round Valley, Sunland and Otis Ranch.

The equipment proposed to be used consists of two Mack Motor Trucks, $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton capacity, equipped with special body for passenger use, and each having a seating capacity of ten passengers; also three Mack Motor Trucks each of $3\frac{1}{2}$ ton capacity and three Mack Motor Trucks of $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton capacity. Trailers will also be used if the business requires the additional capacity that can be thus supplied.

Applicants rely as justification for the granting of the desired certificate upon the alleged fact that the improved land of the Owens Valley is located on the west side of the valley; that there is no means of regular transportation between the towns of the valley except the narrow gauge railroad of the Southern Pacific Company, located on the east side of the valley.

Witnesses for applicant testified as to the necessity for the establishment of the proposed service, as to the delay and difficulty experienced in shipping agricultural products by the Southern Pacific Company such shipments requiring a transfer at Owenyo from the narrow gauge to the broad gauge line of that company. It further appears that the delays in transportation have required all fruit shipments to be transported by express and that the express charges have been prohibitive as regards fruit movement in competition with other localities where transportation facilities permitted the use of freight service.

At the hearing on this application there was no appearance in protest against the granting of the application, and we are of the opinion that the proposed service will be desirable and will offer a satisfactory method of transportation for the

district in which the proposed route is to be established.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Owens Valley Transportation, Storage & Packing Company, a corporation, of an automobile stage and truck line as a common carrier of passengers, express and freight between Lone Pine Station and Bishop and intermediate points, also feeder lines from the direct route serving the communities at Round Valley, Sunland, and Otis Ranch; provided, however, that the rights and privileges hereby granted may not be transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such transfer or assignment has first been procured.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that no trailer may be operated over the route herein granted unless such trailer is equipped with a set of skid chains and such chains are applied to the wheels of said trailer whenever the roads are wet and slippery and the use of chains will prevent skidding; and that no vehicle may be operated under the authority conveyed by this certificate unless such vehicle is owned by the applicant herein or is leased by such applicant under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of September, 1919.

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Commissioners.