GC MAN CONTRACT DECISION NO. 466. BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. In the Matter of the Application of OWENS VALUEY TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE & PACKING COMPANY, a corporation, for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate freight and pass- ) enger service between Lone Pine Station) Application No. 4783. and Bishop, Inyo County, California. Hogan & Carlson, by C. H. Hogan, for Applicant. BY THE COMMISSION ORDER Owens Valley Transportation, Storage & Packing Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by it of an automobile stage and truck line as a common carrier of freight and passengers between Lone Pine Station and Bishop, Inyo County, and intermediate points. A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Rucell at Independence on August 21, 1919, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision. Applicant proposes to charge rates in accordance with a schedule marked exhibit "A" and attached to the application in this proceeding, and to operate one round trip daily for passenger and express service, also one round trip daily for freight service, serving as intermediate the communities at Independence - 1 -183 and Rig Pine, also feeder connections to the communities at Round Valley, Sunland and Otis Ranch.

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Motor Trucks, 12 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 32 ton capacity and three Mack Motor Trucks of 22 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

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district in which the proposed route is to be established.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HERREY 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.

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 lessed by such applicant under a contract or agreement on a basis setisfactory to the Railmoad Commission.

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

Commissioners.

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