

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 6731.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of)
A. B. BLAND for certificate of public)
convenience and necessity to operate)
passenger service between El Centro) Application No. 4148.
and Holtville.)

J. W. Glassford for Applicant.

Hickox & Crenshaw, by Ross T. Hickox for
United States Railroad Administration,
Southern Pacific Railroad.

Warren E. Libby for Pickwick Stages and
White Star Stages.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

A. B. BLAND has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by him of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between El Centro and Holtville and intermediate points.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Handford at El Centro on September 24, 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 filed with the application in this proceeding and to operate on a schedule of thirteen round trips daily, using as equipment four Cadillac automobiles each of eight passenger capacity.

Applicant has operated over the route herein sought for some two years and is familiar with the demands of traffic. The route is also served by the Line of the Holton Inter-urban Railway Company operating a gasoline motor car. Such company has, however, petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to abandon and discontinue the passenger service over its railroad between El Centro and Holtville on the basis that the operation of the passenger service on the railroad is unprofitable and is resulting in steadily increasing deficits. In case of the granting of the petition for abandonment of passenger service there will be no regular transportation service available for the public over the route herein sought.

At the hearing on this application there was no appearance in protest against the granting of the desired certificate and after careful consideration of the evidence we are of the opinion that the proposed service will meet satisfactorily the demands of the traveling public requiring transportation between El Centro and Holtville.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by A. B. Bland of an automobile stage service as a common carrier of passengers between El Centro and Holtville and intermediate points; 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 secured.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that no vehicle may be operated under 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 2nd day of October, 1919.

Edwin O. Edgerton
H. S. Loveland
Frank R. Weston
Irving Martin

Commissioners.