

Decision No. 6857

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application)
of Oakland-Newark Auto Stage Line)
for permission to change passenger)
fares.)

Application No. 4923.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

The Oakland-Newark Auto Stage Line by W. P. Beauchamp, its owner, makes application under Rules 10 and 11 of this Commission's General Order No. 51 for permission to increase the one-way passenger fares between certain points located on its route. The principal fares involved are those from Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward to Mt. Eden and Alvarado and the increases proposed are 5 cents to Mt. Eden and 10 cents to Alvarado. The distance Oakland to Mt. Eden is $17\frac{1}{2}$ miles; present fare 40 cents, proposed 45, from Oakland to Alvarado, distance $21\frac{1}{2}$ miles, present fare 50 cents, proposed 60, the fares at all points being less than 3 cents per mile and in almost every instance lower than the fares of the railroads at competitive points.

Applicant commenced service February 1, 1919 and our informal investigation develops the fact that to September 1, 1919 the total operating receipts were \$2119.06 and the total operating expenses \$2171.76, leaving a net loss for the seven months' period of \$52.70. The expenditures do not include any allowance for wages to the owner of the company, Mr. W. P. Beauchamp, who acts as driver of the automobile bus. During the seven months' period

it is shown that only \$125.00 was paid to outside drivers and this help was only employed when the proprietor found it impossible to cover the schedules himself. It is apparent, from the investigation, that the service cannot be continued at the present fares due to the high operating costs, principally gasoline, oil and repairs to automobiles.

The proposed fares appear to be reasonable for the service and will, if the volume of traffic continues, produce additional revenue of approximately \$400.00 per annum.

We are of the opinion, from the statements furnished, that this is not a matter on which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

The Oakland-Newark Auto Stage Company, by W.P. Beauchamp, its owner, having applied to the Railroad Commission for an order granting authority to increase passenger fares at points located on its line, as per Exhibit A attached to and made part of the application, the Commission being fully apprised and believing this is a matter on which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the increased fares set forth in Exhibit A attached to and made part of the application be and the same are hereby authorized.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of

November, 1919.

Edwin O. Edgerly
H. S. Lovelace
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Commissioners.