

Decision No. 6867.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of )  
WALT L. MORELAND for permission to )  
discontinue transportation of pass- )  
engers by auto between Palo Alto, )  
California, and San Jose, California.)

Application No. 5131.

BY THE COMMISSION :

O R D E R

WALT L. MORELAND has petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to discontinue the operation of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Palo Alto and San Jose and intermediate points for the alleged reason that the returns upon the investment do not warrant a continuation of the business and that there are other existing transportation companies paralleling the line, abandonment of which is sought in this proceeding, which are now caring for the service and are equipped and able to carry all passengers at present transported by the line of the applicant.

The service, discontinuance of which is requested in this proceeding, is that authorized by the Railroad Commission in its Decision Number 6328 on Application Number 4404, decision dated May 14, 1919; such decision declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by the applicant of an automobile stage line between Palo Alto and San Jose over the route formerly operated by the Davis Transit Company, the equipment owned by the Davis Transit Company having been acquired by

Watt L. Moreland, applicant in this proceeding.

Accompanying the application and filed as an exhibit thereto is a statement of revenue and expense covering the operation of the line for the period from January 7, 1919, to November 1, 1919, exclusive. This statement shows a gross revenue of \$60,949.76 and operating expense including depreciation and interest on investment of \$69,518.81 resulting in a net loss for the period above mentioned of \$8,569.05. The territory, served by the applicant and for which abandonment of service is requested, is served by the lines of the Peninsula Rapid Transit Company, H. Locicero and Floyd W. Hanchett and these carriers have ample equipment and resources to supply the needs of the travelling public desiring transportation by stage between Palo Alto and San Jose and the public, or such portion as have heretofore been served by the line of Watt L. Moreland, applicant herein, can be furnished satisfactory service as regards such transportation by the use of any of the three competing lines herein mentioned.

We are of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing should be held and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same hereby is granted subject to the following conditions:

I - Applicant, Watt L. Moreland, will immediately file with this Commission and not less than ten days from the date of service of this order a cancellation of all tariffs and time schedules now on file with the Railroad Commission, such cancellation to be made in accordance with the provisions of

General Order No. 51 and other regulations of this  
Commission.

II - Applicant will immediately post at all ticket  
agencies a notice of the date of discontinuance of the  
service heretofore given in accordance with time  
schedules and rates filed with the Railroad Commission,  
such notice to be posted at least five days in advance  
of the effective date of the discontinuance of service,  
authority for which is hereby granted.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November,  
1919.

Edwin O. Egerton  
H. H. Leonard  
Frank R. Brown  
H. P. Brundage  
J. Irving Martin  
Commissioners.