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Decision No. 6885.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of)
BAY SHORE STAGE CO., for certificate)
of public convenience and necessity)
to operate passenger and express)
service between Vallejo and Napa.) Application No. 4560.

Frank L. Coombs for Applicant.

John T. York, for
San Francisco-Napa and Calistoga Railway,
Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

BAY SHORE STAGE CO., a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity requires the operation by it of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers and express between Vallejo and Napa and intermediate points.

A public hearing on this application was conducted at Napa by Examiner Handford, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicant relies, as justification for the granting of the desired certificate, upon the alleged fact that there is no existing automobile stage service between Napa and Vallejo and that the proposed line will make direct connection with the cars of the Bay Shore Stage Company at Rodeo; the ferry service of the Vallejo-Rodeo Ferry Company being utilized for transportation of passengers between Vallejo and Rodeo; also the fact that but two Southern Pacific trains operate each way

making connections with Oakland and that the public desiring transportation to Oakland must either use the trains of the Southern Pacific Company or the line of the Monticello Steamship Company to San Francisco, thence ferry transportation via either the Southern Pacific Company or the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railway to Oakland requiring by either of such routes approximately four hours to make a through trip from Napa to Oakland.

Witnesses, on behalf of applicants, testified as to the necessity for a through line between Napa and Oakland and, as to the convenience to the public that would be served if a through line were to be established, no testimony was presented regarding any necessity existing for the establishment of service between Napa and Vallejo; the weight of the testimony being directed entirely to the alleged necessity for the establishment of a through service from Oakland to Napa.

This application is protested by the San Francisco-Napa and Calistoga Railway on the basis that the service and facilities of such company are ample to meet the needs of the travelling public between Napa and Vallejo, that such service is rendered at reasonable rates, and that commutation rates are available for the use of passengers making daily trips between Napa and Vallejo.

The only matter before the Commission to be considered is that of through service between Oakland and Vallejo, the application herein dealing with the portion of the route which, in combination with the service rendered by the Vallejo-Rodeo Ferry Company and the present line of the applicant's operating between Martinez and Oakland constituting the through service proposed to be given. The connection with the line of the

applicants now operating between Martinez and Oakland to be made at Rodeo, one of the termini of the Rodeo-Vallejo Ferry Company's steamers. It appears that the requirements of the travelling public for through service between Napa and Oakland are at present amply cared for in the matter of stage transportation with the exception of the portion of the line between Napa and Vallejo where no stage service exists nor was there any evidence at the hearing on this proceeding indicating that other than adequate service was now being rendered by the protestants, San Francisco-Napa and Calistoga Railway, between such points. Passengers desiring transportation from Vallejo to Oakland, can use the bus line of the Vallejo Bus Company to the wharf of the Vallejo-Rodeo Ferry Company, thence the ferry steamers of the Vallejo-Rodeo Ferry Company to Rodeo, at which point a choice of stage routes is available for passengers who may use either the stages of applicant, Bay Shore Stage Company, or the stages of the Oakland-Rodeo Stage Company. A through ticketing arrangement via the lines of the San Francisco-Napa and Calistoga Railway, Vallejo Bus Company, Vallejo-Rodeo Ferry Company and Oakland-Rodeo Stage Company is available for the public in accordance with joint rates filed concurrently with this Commission by the several transportation companies constituting the through route as hereinabove outlined, and we are of the opinion, based on careful consideration of the evidence in this proceeding, that no showing has been made that the facilities, offered by the through route and joint rates above noted when considered with the other methods of transportation, as offered by the lines of the Southern Pacific Company and the indirect routes via the Monticello Steamship Company, Southern Pacific Company or San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railway are inadequate.

for the needs of the travelling public or that there is justification for an additional connecting line serving the territory between Napa and Vallejo, as sought by the applicants in this proceeding.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require the operation of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers and express between Napa and Vallejo and intermediate points and,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same hereby is denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of November, 1919.

Edwin O. Edgerton
A. L. McLaughlin

H. T. Brundage

Dwight Martin

Commissioners.