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Decision No. 6945.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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| In the Matter of the Application of) | |
| J. R. BECHTEL for certificate of) | |
| public convenience and necessity to) | |
| operate passenger automobile service) | Application No. 4913. |
| between Kernville, Cal., and Bakers-) | |
| field, Cal.,) | |

R. B. Lambert for Applicant.

G. J. Emmons for Tibbetts and Hand, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

J. R. BECHTEL has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by him of an automobile stage line between Kernville and Bakersfield and intermediate points.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Handford at Bakersfield on December 5, 1919, the matter was duly submitted on stipulation by attorneys representing the applicant and protestants 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 between Kernville and Bakersfield at irregular times, no regular days upon which operation is conducted being specified and to use as equipment one three-quarter ton Reo truck with a carrying capacity of ten passengers.

Applicant relies as justification for the granting of

this application on the fact that a large number of men are employed at the construction camp of the Southern California Edison Company near Kernville and that the regular transportation facilities afforded by the stage line now operated between Kernville and Caliente and the train service of the Southern Pacific Railroad and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad between Caliente and Bakersfield is not sufficient or at convenient hours to meet the requirements of the public desiring transportation between Bakersfield and Kernville, the route of the existing transportation companies not being direct.

At the hearing on this proceeding the conditions surrounding the passenger transportation between Kernville and Bakersfield were fully outlined and it appears from the testimony that a considerable labor movement has originated by reason of the construction work being prosecuted by the Southern California Edison Company at its camps near Kernville. It was stipulated that the objection of the protestants, Tibbetts and Hand, would be withdrawn if a certificate were granted in which the right to carry passengers over the route now served by Tibbetts and Hand between Caliente and Kernville was not granted and attorney for applicant stipulated that it was not the desire of his client to serve the business heretofore cared for by protestants but to confine his operation to the transportation of passengers between Bakersfield and the camps of the Southern California Edison Company near Kernville.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by J. R. Bechtel of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Kernville and Bakersfield; provided, however, that no authority is hereby conveyed for the carriage of local passengers


between Caliente and Kernville over the route now served by Tibbetts and Hand, it being the intention of this declaration to authorize the transportation of such through-passengers as may desire the use of applicant's facilities between Bakersfield and the construction camps of the Southern California Edison Company at or near Kernville.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED 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 shall have first been procured.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that no vehicle may be operated under this certificate unless such vehicle is owned ^{herein} by the applicant/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 11th day of December, 1919.

Edwin G. Egan
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Commissioners.