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Decision No. 7081.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Pickwick Stages, Northern Division, a corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate an automobile stage line for the transportation of passengers and express packages, between Santa Maria and Maricopa and intermediate points.

Application No. 5273.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Pickwick Stages, Northern Division, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by it of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers and express between Santa Maria and Maricopa and intermediate points.

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 one round trip weekly between May 15th and October 1st of each year and to furnish such service as may be possible according to road and weather conditions during the period October 1st to May 15th of each year.

Applicant relies as justification for the granting of the desired certificate upon the fact that there is now no

direct means of transportation between the points proposed to be served and that the only regular transportation available for the public is via the indirect routes through Los Angeles or San Luis Obispo; that travel via these indirect routes necessitates the payment of a fare greatly in excess of that proposed by applicant and that there is a growing demand for direct transportation between ^{the} Santa Maria oil fields and the oil fields in and around Maricopa.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the public, or such portion of same as desired, direct transportation by stage between Maricopa and Santa Maria, are entitled to the service as proposed by applicant.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Pickwick Stages, Northern Division, a corporation, of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers and express between Santa Maria and Maricopa 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 5th day of February, 1920.

Edwin O. Edgerton

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Frank R. Brown

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Commissioners.