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Decision No. 7154.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of
Louis E. Smith, for a certificate of
public convenience and necessity to
operate an auto stage line for the
transportation of persons and property
for compensation between Placerville
and Caldor Mills, El Dorado County,
California, and intermediate points.
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} Application No. 4922.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

LOUIS E. SMITH has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by him of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers and packages between Placerville and Caldor Mills and intermediate points.

Applicant proposes to charge rates in accordance with a schedule set forth in the application in this proceeding and to operate on a schedule of four round trips weekly between Placerville and Caldor Mills serving as intermediates the communities at Bell's Ranch, Somerset, Cole's Ranch and Leoni's Ranch, using as equipment one Pierce Arrow automobile, seven passenger capacity, licensed by State Motor Vehicle Department under license No. 305176.

Applicant relies as justification for the granting of this application upon the alleged fact that the only regular means of communication between Diamond Springs and Caldor Mills

is furnished by the Diamond and Caldor Railroad and that such railroad is primarily a logging railroad and does not operate on regular schedule between Diamond Springs and Caldor and that passengers are therefore carried only at the convenience of the company; that the proposed line will afford a regular service to the public for the transportation of passengers and express packages.

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

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Louis E. Smith of an automobile stage service as a common carrier of passengers and packages between Placerville and Caldor Mills 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.

