

Decision No. 7207.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of  
C. A. SCHLAGETER and C. C. SCHLAGETER  
for a license to operate an auto stage  
between Merced and Mariposa.

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Application No. 5052  
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Louis T. Milburn for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

ORDER

C. A. Schlageter and C. C. Schlageter have petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by them of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers and express between Merced and Mariposa and intermediate points along the State Highway.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Satterwhite at Merced on February 13, 1920. The matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicants propose to charge rates in accordance with the schedule marked "Exhibit B" attached to the application in this proceeding and to operate on a time schedule of one round trip daily between Merced and Mariposa, using as equipment one Dodge Commercial 5-passenger automobile.

A petition was introduced in evidence by the applicants signed by nearly all of the County officials of Merced and

Mariposa Counties and a large number of prominent merchants, business men and bankers of both communities and also by farmers and residents along the proposed stage route, requesting that the said line be authorized.

Several witnesses, among whom were business men, merchants and farmers, were called and testified as to the public need for the establishment of said route. The testimony showed that there is no means of transportation except by private conveyance and that business men and citizens of both communities often desire to make business trips back and forth. The farmers and residents along the proposed route purchase their provisions and other household supplies at Merced and Mariposa and are compelled to use a private conveyance to carry their parcels and packages or rely upon the courtesy and accommodation of the mail carrier. The applicants hold a subcontract to carry the United States Mail from Merced to Mariposa and as a matter of courtesy have been carrying packages and parcels to farmers along the line.

The evidence also shows that many passengers coming from Los Angeles and different points of the State to Merced make inquiry for transportation to Mariposa. At the hearing on this application there was no appearance protesting the granting of the desired certificate.

After careful consideration of the evidence, we are of the opinion that the application should be granted,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES, that public convenience and necessity require the operation of an automobile stage service as a common carrier of passengers and express between Merced and Mariposa and intermediate points;

PROVIDED, however, that the rights and privileges hereby authorized may not be transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such transfer or assignment has first been procured.

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 2<sup>d</sup> day of March, 1920.

Edw. G. Egan  
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Commissioners