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Decision No. 7333

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
J. BOSHOFF for certificate of public
convenience and necessity to operate
auto passenger service between SANTA
ROSA and JENNER-BY-~~THE~~-SEA.

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) Application No. 5317
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W. F. Cowan for Applicant
W. J. Cummings for Protestant, Northwestern
Pacific Railroad.
P. H. Maggart and W. F. Geary for Protestant,
Santa Rosa Railroad Company.

O R D E R

J. Boshoff 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 express between Santa Rosa and Jenner-by-the-Sea and intermediate points.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Satterwhite at Santa Rosa on March 12, 1920, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicant proposes to charge rates in accordance with a schedule marked Exhibit "A" attached to the application in this proceeding and to operate on a time schedule of two round trips daily between Santa Rosa and Guerneville, five round trips between Guerneville and Jenner and one trip from Guerneville to Jenner, using as equipment two Peerless-7 passenger automobiles and two Cole-7passenger automobiles.

At the hearing the application was amended by eliminating Sebastopol and Graton from the proposed route.

The Northwestern Pacific Railroad and the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad Company opposed the application at the hearing. Several witnesses were sworn in support of the application.

Jenner-by-the-Sea is primarily a summer resort. During the open season from about May to September, thousands of visitors go to Jenner and hundreds of campers spend their vacations at this resort and vicinity.

The testimony shows that business men and residents along the line desire the establishment of this proposed route on account of business conveniences and that the schedule under which this line will operate is necessary to the business needs of those who desire to patronize this proposed service. The applicant will operate his line direct from Santa Rosa to Forestville and will not greatly interfere with the business of the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad at Sebastopol and Graton.

The Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad handles about 1600 passengers a day and about 1/3 of this traffic is between Santa Rosa, Sebastopol and Forestville and under its present passenger schedule operates 15 round trips a day. By reason of the fact that applicant has eliminated Sebastopol and Graton from his route, the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad Company, no doubt, will continue to hold a greater part of the traffic now handled by it.

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, by J. BOSHOFF, as a common carrier of passengers and express between Santa Rosa and Jenner-by-the-Sea, serving intermediate

communities of Forestville, Guerneville, Monte Rio and Duncan Mills,

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 applicant file with the Railroad Commission within ten days from the date of service of this order, a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted, such acceptance to contain advice as to date upon which service will be commenced, which date shall not be more than 60 days from the date of service of this order.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that no vehicle may be operated under this certificate, unless such vehicle is owned by applicant herein or is leased by said applicant under a contract on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3^d day
of April, 1920.

Edwin C. Edgerton
H. A. Leland
Frank H. H. H.
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Commissioners.