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Decision No. 7336

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application of T. J. CRONIN for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate passenger, baggage, package and parcel service between City of Madera and Town of Raymond, Madera County.

} Application No. 5261.
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W. C. Ring for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

T. J. Cronin requests permission to establish automobile stage service for the common carriage of passengers, baggage and express between Madera and Raymond, in Madera County.

A public hearing on the application was held by Examiner Westover at Madera.

Mr. Cronin proposes to operate two round trips daily. He now carries mail over this route under contract with the government in connection with his contract for the carriage of mail between Raymond and Wawona. The mail between Madera and Raymond was formerly carried by W. H. Shuman, who

received from the Commission authority to carry passengers and who subsequently contracted to convey to Mr. Cronin his operative rights over the route in question in January, 1920.

Mr. Shuman formerly operated between Raymond and Coarsegold as a portion of his through route between Madera and Sugar Pine. This portion is not included in the route applied for by Mr. Cronin but the testimony shows that there is no need of any service between these points as each is connected with Madera and Sugar Pine directly by separate routes. There is practically no business to be handled on the road directly connecting Raymond and Coarsegold.

The route between Raymond and Madera is patronized by an average of about eight passengers per day.

The only other means of transportation at present between Raymond and Madera is that afforded by the Southern Pacific Railroad through connection at Berenda. This route is circuitous and slow. Under the present railroad schedule it requires practically all day to make the trip in either direction, long waits occurring at Berenda, which is the junction point. The Southern Pacific Company, although notified of the hearing, did not appear.

It is clear that public convenience will be served by granting the application.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held upon the above entitled application, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES

that public convenience and necessity require the operation by T. J. Cronin of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers, baggage and express between Madera and Raymond.

PROVIDED 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 procured.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that no vehicle may be operated in said service unless said vehicle is owned by the applicant herein or is leased by said applicant under a contract or agreement satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant, T. J. Cronin, shall within 20 days from the date hereof file with the Railroad Commission his schedule and tariffs covering said proposed service, which shall be in addition to proposed schedule and tariffs accompanying the application, and shall set forth the date upon which the operation of the line hereby authorized will commence, which date shall be within 90 days from date hereof, unless time to begin operation is extended by formal supplemental order.

The authority herein contained shall not become effective until and unless the above condition is complied with.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this

3^d day of April, 1920.

Edwin C. Edgerton
H. S. Woodland
Stanley Herlin
H. H. Brundage

Commissioners.