

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 7352

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

---oOo---

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| In the matter of the application |) |
| of W. D. GREER STAGE COMPANY for |) |
| certificate to operate passenger |) |
| auto stage service between San |) |
| Luis Obispo and McKittrick. |) |
| |) Application No. 5029. |

W. D. Greer for applicant.
 F. C. Lloyd for L & J Stage Line,
 protestant.
 S. V. Wright for Red Star Stage Line,
 Helen L. Benadon, owner, protestant.
 C. F. Wren for Pickwick Stages,
 Northern Division, protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

W. D. Greer, operating under the fictitious name of W. D. Greer Stage Company, applies for authority to operate an automobile passenger stage service between Pismo, San Luis Obispo County, and McKittrick, Kern County, via Paso Robles, Shandon and Lost Hills.

A public hearing on the application was held by Examiner Westover at San Luis Obispo.

Mr. Greer has arranged to acquire from Western

Auto Stage Company two Twin Six Packard cars with its operative rights between Taft and Pismo via McKittrick, Simmler and Santa Margarita, together with terminal facilities at Taft, San Luis Obispo and Pismo. Separate order authorizing the transfer has been issued thereon. He now wishes to change the route and be authorized to operate via Lost Hills, Shandon and Paso Robles, the latter being the route of the State Highway between Paso Robles and McKittrick. Work on the new highway is in progress but probably will not be completed before next winter. Both routes are over a mountain range. Both routes are the same between Taft and McKittrick and between Santa Margarita and Pismo. There is no other transportation service at present over this route. The rail service is via Southern Pacific lines via Tracy or Los Angeles, requiring a detour of several hundred miles. As to the direct route between San Luis Obispo and McKittrick which applicant wishes to abandon, there is at present a mail service and passenger stage operating between Santa Margarita and Simmler.

Helen L. Benadom who operates Red Star Stage Line between San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles protested against granting the application in so far as it relates to that part of the route served by her.

F. C. Lloyd, operating the L & J Stage Line between San Luis Obispo and Pismo protested against granting the application in so far as it relates to that portion of the route served by him.

Pickwick Stages, operating through passenger stages between Los Angeles and San Francisco via San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles protested against granting the application to operate over that portion of the route served by Pickwick Stages.

Applicant and the protestants reached an agreement during the hearing and filed written stipulation to the effect that applicant will not carry local passengers traveling between Pismo and Paso Robles and intermediate points, but may transport passengers between the territory lying northeasterly of Paso Robles and that lying southerly of Paso Robles.

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 applicant W. D. Greer, doing business under the fictitious name of W. D. Greer Stage Company, of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers, baggage and express between Pismo, San Luis Obispo County, and McKittrick, Kern County, via Paso Robles, Shandon and Lost Hills.

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 FURTHER 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 ORDERED that the said applicant 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 tariff 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 O. Edgerton
H. J. Loveland
Frank R. Slavin
H. L. Boudreau

Commissioners