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Decision No. 7405.

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REPORTS THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of )  
 GEORGE W. HUFFORD for certificate of :  
 public convenience and necessity to :  
 operate automobile stage service be- ) Application No. 4046  
 tween Fortuna and Bridgeville in the :  
 County of Humboldt. )

Futer & Quinn by F. L. Futer  
for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O R D E R

George W. Hufford 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, express and freight between Fortuna and Bridgeville and intermediate points.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Satterwhite at Eureka on March 25, 1920, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicant proposes to charge rates in accordance with the schedule marked Exhibit "A" attached to the application in this proceeding and to operate on a time schedule of one round trip daily between Fortuna and Bridgeville and one evening trip from Fortuna to Carlotta to connect with the Northwestern Pacific Railroad train, using as equipment one 5-passenger Overland touring car and such other passenger and freight automobiles as may be

necessary to take care of the traffic offered.

No one appeared in opposition to the application. Witnesses were sworn and testified in support of said application. The evidence shows that there is a large farming territory south of Bridgeville that requires this proposed service and it was also shown that many inquiries are made at the Union Stage Office at Eureka for passenger and express service to Bridgeville and intermediate points.

The applicant holds a mail contract over the proposed route and has been carrying the mail for many years. There are no other transportation facilities serving the territory now sought to be covered.

A careful consideration of the evidence satisfies us 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 George W. Hufford as a common carrier of passengers, express and freight between Fortuna and Bridgeville, serving the intermediate communities of Rohnerville, Hydesville, Carlotta and Roger's Resort.

Provided, 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 applicant herein or is leased by said applicant under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1920

Edwin O. Egan  
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