

Decision No. 7413

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
 WILLIAM KOLAX, for certificate of
 Public Convenience and Necessity to
 operate Passenger and Freight Service
 between Eureka and Freshwater, Humboldt
 County, California.

) = Application No. 4344

Henry L. Ford for Applicant

BY THE COMMISSION.

ORDER

William Kolax 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 freight between Eureka and Freshwater in Humboldt County and intermediate points.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Satterwhite at Eureka on March 24th, 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" and filed with said application and to operate on a time schedule of one round trip daily between Eureka and Freshwater except Saturdays on which day one extra round trip will be made, using as equipment one 7-passenger Pierce-Arrow automobile in accordance with Exhibit "C" as amended at the hearing.

There was no opposition to the granting of this application. The applicant holds the mail contract over this proposed route and has been carrying the mail for about two years. Several witnesses testified in support of the proposed route and the public necessity therefor. Mr. Bell, who owns and operates the shingle mill at Freshwater testified that there was a great necessity for this service not only for the residents and farmers along the line but for those who work at the shingle mill and others who have business in the section traversed by this proposed stage line.

The record shows that the applicant has been operating this line for over two years and has rendered a very satisfactory as well as necessary service. Leon E. Larson, a farmer, residing at Freshwater testified that, in conversation with many farmers, they had all expressed a strong desire for this proposed service. There are many school children patronizing this line to and from school and who have no other means of conveyance.

The applicant has been carrying an average of three and four passengers daily each way.

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

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by William Lolax of an automobile stage service as a common carrier of passengers and freight between Eureka and Freshwater and intermediate points, via Freshwater Corners.

Provided, however, that the rights and privileges herein 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 9th day of April, 1920.

Edwin O. Lytle
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Commissioners