

Decision No. 7506

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 LAWRENCE STAGE COMPANY for certifi-)
 cate of public convenience and)
 necessity to operate stage or truck)
 service between Westwood and Susan-)
 ville.)

Application No. 3652

In the Matter of the Application of)
 GEO. A. SCOTT for certificate of)
 public convenience and necessity and)
 a permit to operate passenger and)
 baggage auto stage service between)
 Westwood, California, to a point where)
 the County Road intersects the State)
 Line between California and Nevada on)
 the highway to Reno, Nevada, near)
 Doyle, Lassen County.)

Application No. 5363

In the Matter of the Application of)
 J. W. HOUK and J. E. SMITH, a co-)
 partnership doing business under the)
 name of Houk and Smith, for a cer-)
 tificate of public convenience and)
 necessity to operate a passenger and)
 baggage service as a transportation)
 company between Westwood and Susan-)
 ville, Lassen County, California.)

Application No. 5449

Harry A. Encell for Lawrence Stage Company, and
in Application No. 5363 for Geo. B. Long,
protestant.

Schwartz & O'Connor, by Grover O'Connor,
for Houk and Smith.

Walter Stingley and S.E. Burroughs, for
Geo. A. Scott.

J. M. Fulton, for Southern Pacific Company,
protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In Application No. 3652 Mr. and Mrs W. C. Lawrence, as partners under the name of Lawrence Stage Company, apply for authority to operate automobile passenger stages for the transportation of passengers and express between Westwood and Susanville and intermediate points, all in Lassen County. This is practically an extension of their line operated between Crescent Mills, Plumas County, and Westwood via Greenville and intermediate points and connecting with the Indian Valley Railroad at Crescent Mills which in turn connects with Western Pacific Railway at Parton.

By Application No. 5449 - J. W. Houk and J. H. Smith, partners under the name of Houk and Smith, apply for authority to operate automobile stages for the transportation of passengers and baggage between Westwood and Susanville, in Lassen County. This is practically an extension of the line operated by them as individuals between Chico, Butte County, and Westwood.

By Application No. 5363, Geo. A. Scott applies for authority to operate automobile passenger stages for the transportation of passengers between Westwood and the point where the county road intersects the California-Nevada line near Doyle, Lassen County. The authority is sought in connection with applicant's through line operated between Westwood and Reno, Nevada.

A public hearing upon the above applications was held by Examiner Westover at Westwood, at which by stipulation of counsel all three matters were consolidated for hearing and decision.

All three applications^{are} closely related because the applicants are principally engaged in transporting laborers coming from the labor centers at San Francisco, Sacramento, Chico and also Reno, Nevada, to the lumbering industries at Susanville and Westwood and vicinity. Red River Lumber Company with mills at Westwood and logging camps a few miles away shipped in 3312 men

in 1919, of which number 2379 originating in the bay region and at Sacramento Valley points were brought in by Lawrence Stage Company.

The Lassen Lumber and Box Company at Susanville will employ 600 to 650 men during the approaching season and the Fruit Growers Supply Company is building a large lumber mill and box factory at Susanville which it is expected will be in operation in the near future and will employ from 1000 to 1500 men.

Messrs Houk and Smith report that during 1919 they carried 3909 passengers between Chico and Westwood, 589 being for local points between Chico and Chester. Of those carried they estimate that about 300 to 400 were destined to or originated at points east of Westwood.

Mr. Scott testified that last year he carried from Reno to Westwood about 2000 passengers and that his eastbound passengers from Westwood to Reno approximated 1000.

Lawrence Stage Company proposes to operate two round trips daily between Westwood and Susanville. Its equipment consists of five 8 passenger Pierce-Arrow cars and two 7 passenger Buicks. It appears to be financially able to provide all other needed equipment.

Messrs Houk and Smith propose to operate one round trip per day between Susanville and Westwood, using in said service two new 18-passenger, 45 h.p. White busses.

Mr. Scott proposes to operate between Susanville and Doyle two round trips daily, using seven 7-passenger cars, (six Hudsons and one Packard), and add to the equipment when needed, two Twin Six Packard cars ^{each} with 16 passenger body.

Upon the showing made all three applications should be granted.

O R D E R

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

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES, that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lawrence, partners under the name and style of Lawrence Stage Company, of automobile passenger stages for the common carriage of passengers, baggage and express between Westwood and Susanville and intermediate points.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by J. W. Houk and J. H. Smith, partners under the name and style of Houk and Smith, of automobile stages for the common carriage of passengers and baggage between Westwood and Susanville and intermediate points.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Geo. A. Scott of automobile passenger stages for the common carriage of passengers and baggage between Westwood and the point where the County Road intersects the California-Nevada line near Doyle, Lassen County, serving also intermediate points.

PROVIDED that none of the rights or privileges hereby granted may 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 any of said service unless said vehicle is owned by the applicant operating the line in which it is used or unless it is leased by said applicant under a contract or agreement satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that each of said applicants shall within 20 days from the date hereof file with the Railroad Commission 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 conditions are complied with.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of April, 1920.

Edwin O. Edwards
H. D. Lovell
Harold R. Martin
H. W. Sandage
Dwight Martin
Commissioners.