

Decision No. 7638**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application)
of I. L. PULLIAM for Certificate)
of Public Convenience and Necessi-)
ty to Operate Passenger and Auto) Application No. 5477.
Stage Service between the end of)
Stephenson Avenue Car Line, Los)
Angeles, and Montebello.)

I. L. Pulliam in propria persona.
H. W. Kidd for White Bus Line and
K. & E. Stage Line, protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N.

I. L. PULLIAM applies for authority to operate automobile passenger stages between the easterly end of the Stephenson Avenue car line, Los Angeles, and Montebello, operating modern 200 16-passenger stages on a schedule providing for 15-minute service between 6:00 and 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 and 6:00 P.M., and 30-minute service between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., and between 6:00 P.M. and midnight. He proposes to charge a fare of ten cents each way.

A public hearing upon this application was held by Examiner Westover at Los Angeles.

The stage line at present operating between these points is the K. & E. Stage Line, operating five 5-passenger cars; three Dodges and two Buicks, and charging a fare of 10 cents, or ten tickets for 75¢.

Authority to establish the proposed line is requested because of the poor service rendered by the K. & E. Stage Line, which latter line admits violation of the safety rules of the Railroad Commission with reference to overcrowding and other rules. Mr. Kaufman, owner of the line, says the situation

does not justify placing other cars in service to relieve the overcrowding, although the Commission's Service Inspector testified that he had several times promised to do so, and that he had procured a large bus for that purpose, but it appears not to have been placed in service because he feared it would not pay.

Applicant states that he does not care to enter the service except to improve methods of transportation and that if the K. & E. rendered satisfactory service and obeyed the Commission's safety rules, he would withdraw his application.

The White Bus Line, which, since the hearing, has changed its name to Motor Transit Company, operates eighteen motor busses; six 22-passenger; one 20-passenger; and eleven 16-passenger, over the route in question, in connection with its local service between Los Angeles and Santa Ana, and its through service between Los Angeles and San Diego. These busses are operated on a schedule similar to that proposed by applicant, but its rates are 25 cents one way and 40 cents for the round trip.

We believe applicant to be ready, willing and able to obey the Commission's operating rules providing for the safety of the passengers traveling by stage, and to provide adequate and sufficient facilities to accommodate the traveling public. For these reasons we readily grant the application.

O R D E R.

A public hearing having been held in 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 I. L. FULLIAM of a Passenger and Auto Stage Service between the end of Stephenson Avenue Car Line, Los Angeles, and Montebello;

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 said I. L. Fulliam 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 27th day of May, 1920.

Edwin O. Edgerton
W. L. Loveland
David Martin

Commissioners.