

Decision No. 7694

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
Paris P. Lawson for a certificate of)
public convenience and necessity to)
operate an automobile express and)
parcel delivery service between Santa)
Rosa, Petaluma, Novato, San Rafael,)
San Anselmo, Larkspur, Mill Valley)
and Sausalito.)

APPLICATION NO. 5581

- R. M. Quackenbush, for applicant,
- J. W. Rogers, for American Railway Express Co.
- Mr. Hall, for Northwestern Pacific RR Co.
- E. H. Maggard, for Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railroad, protestant.

By the Commission -

ORDER

Paris P. Lawson by this application seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the operation of an automobile express and parcel delivery service between Santa Rosa and Sausalito and intermediate points. The principal places, other than the terminals, being Petaluma, Novato, San Rafael, San Anselmo, Larkspur and Mill Valley.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Geary at Santa Rosa, Wednesday, May 26, 1920. The matter was duly submitted and is now ready for a decision.

Applicant is operating between the points in question, having the contract to carry the San Francisco morning papers. The schedule as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached to the application shows one round trip daily, leaving Sausalito at 12:30 A.M., reaching Santa Rosa 3:10 A.M., leaving Santa Rosa 2:30 P.M., arriving at Sausalito at 7:10 P.M. At the present time in addition to carrying the newspapers applicant accepts orders from residents along his line, makes purchases at stores and effects deliveries accepting a nominal charge

for the service performed.

Witness in behalf of applicant, representing the Petaluma Co-Operative Creamery, testified that at the present time it is impossible to ship fresh milk, cream and ice cream from Petaluma to San Anselmo or Mill Valley with any degree of satisfaction to the receivers of the freight for the reason that the train connections were poor and the time consumed too great.

It is not the intention of applicant to change the character of the business being done but rather to place the operations within the law and by tariff publication establish fixed rates to be collected for the service performed which appears to be nothing more nor less than the delivery of newspapers and small packages of merchandise, ice cream and dairy products.

The Northwestern Pacific Railway, Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railway, and the American Railway Express entered appearances but introduced no testimony in opposition to the application, it being the general opinion that Mr. Lawson's service did not sufficiently interfere with any business which was or could be handled by the regularly established transportation companies.

After consideration of the evidence in this proceeding, we are of the opinion that there is a public convenience and necessity for the operation by Paris P. Lawson of an automobile express and parcel delivery service between Santa Rosa and Sausalito and the intermediate points.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Paris P. Lawson of an automobile express service as a common carrier of express and light freight between Santa Rosa and Sausalito and intermediate points. Further, that the rights and privileges

