

Decision No. 7735

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of W. D. Greer Stage Company for )  
certificate of public convenience ) APPLICATION NO. 5564  
and necessity to operate passenger )  
service between Lost Hills and )  
Bakersfield, and intermediate points. )

M. C. Folsom, for applicant.  
Irwin and Laird for F.C. Jewett, protestant.  
P.W. Doane for A.T.&S.F. Railway, protestant.  
G.W. Mc Clausland, in propria persona.

LOVEZAND, Commissioner -

O P I N I O N

W. D. Greer Stage Company has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by it of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Bakersfield and Lost Hills via Wasco.

A public hearing was held at Bakersfield on Wednesday, June 9, 1920, at which time the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for a decision.

The service proposed by applicant is that of an extension of his present line now operating from Pismo to Taft via Lost Hills, at which place connections are to be made for Bakersfield, eliminating the necessity of a transfer at Taft for passengers destined Bakersfield and a saving of about thirty five (35) miles via direct route. The principal business of the Stage Company consists of passengers destined Bakersfield and beyond.

There is no other direct transportation over this route .

Passengers now have to change at Taft, at which point a choice of two lines is offered.

G. W. Mc Clausland who operates stage line between Lost Hills and Wasco protested against granting application insofar as it related to that part of the route served by him.

Atchison, Topoka & Santa Fe Railway protested against granting application insofar as it related to service between Wasco and Bakersfield. The railroad now maintains a schedule of three trains daily between points in question.

F. C. Jowett who has been operating through stages between Bakersfield and Lost Hills via Wasco since prior to May 1, 1917, as an individual or as a co-partner with C. E. Means, protested against granting the application on the grounds of insufficient business to justify two lines.

After consideration of the evidence in this proceeding, I am of the opinion that there is a public convenience and necessity for the operation by W.D.Greer Stage Company of an automobile stage line between Lost Hills and Bakersfield in the handling of through business originating at points beyond Lost Hills on line of applicant's route now operating between Pismo, San Luis Obispo and Taft via Los Hills, and Bakersfield.

### O R D E R

A public hearing having been held upon the above application, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for a decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by W. D. Greer Stage Company of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers and packages between Lost Hills and Bakersfield for through passengers originating on line of W.D.Greer Stage Company now operating

between Pismo, San Luis Obispo and Taft via Lost Hills,

PROVIDED that no local service will be rendered between Lost Hills, Wasco and Bakersfield.

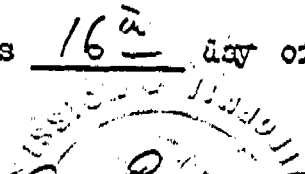
IT IS FURTHER PROVIDED that the rights and privileges herein granted may not be transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such transfer or assignment has first been procured.

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 W. D. Greer Stage Company shall, within twenty (20) days from the date hereof, file with the Railroad Commission schedule and tariffs covering said proposed service and a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted, such acceptance to contain advice as to the date upon which service will be commenced, which date shall not be more than ninety (90) days from the date of service of this Order.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1920.

  
Edwin D. Egerton  
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COMMISSIONERS.