

Decision No. 7889

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of the PICKWICK STAGES, NORTHERN DIVISION, a corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate an auto stage service for the transportation of passengers and express packages between Somis and the State Highway or El Camino Real at a point approximately two miles south of the city limits of the City of Ventura and intermediate points.

Application No. 5752.

C. F. Wren for applicant. W. A. Souders for American Railway Express Company. F. E. Watson for Southern Pacific Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

Pickwick Stages, Northern Division, a corporation, applies for authority to route its through cars between Los Angeles and San Francisco via Somis, Saticoy and a point on the highway about two miles east of Ventura instead of via Oxnard and Montalvo.

A public hearing upon the application was

held by Examiner Westover at Santa Paula.

Applicant's present route in the vicinity in question follows the Southern Pacific Railroad. The proposed cut off would shorten the distance traveled about 10 miles but would leave the towns of Oxnard, Montalvo, Sucrosa and Camarillo to be served by its local stages which provide service on seven schedules northbound and seven schedules southbound daily, connecting with the through stages in each direction at Ventura and Somis respectively. The cut off would afford service to Saticoy, which is not now served by any stage line.

Railway Express Company protest upon the ground that Saticov is now sufficiently served by their respective lines. An examination of the railway schedules, however, shows that the service to and from Saticov via either junction point. Montalvo or Sangus is very inconvenient, with several poor connections, and with no service during that part of the day in which applicant proposes to serve, namely, northbound leaving Saticov at 11:20 A.M. and southbound leaving Saticov at 2:50 P.M. It is apparent that the application should be granted.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held upon 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 Pickwick Stages, Northern Division, of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers and express packages between Somis and a point on the State Highway about two miles south of the City of Ventura; and intermediate points, including Saticoy.

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.

applicant shall within 20 days from the date hereof file with the Railroad Commission its 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 mentioned schedules and tariff are filed within the time herein limited.

day of July, 1920.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22

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