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Decision No. 2760

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
E. C. CRAIG for certificate of public
convenience and necessity to operate
passenger, express and baggage ser-
vice between Lompoc and Buell's
Tavern, on the State Highway in
Santa Barbara County.

) ORIGINAL
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) Application No. 5387
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S. V. Wright and J. F. Frick
for applicant.

N. C. Folsom for Pickwick Stages,
Northern Division, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

ORDER

E. C. Craig has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by him of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers, express and packages between Lompoc and Buell's Tavern on the State Highway, all in Santa Barbara County.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Handford at Santa Maria at which time and place the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicant proposes to charge rates in accordance with a schedule marked Exhibit "A" and filed with the application in this proceeding; and operate a schedule of two round trips daily, using as equipment one Hudson automobile of seven passenger

capacity with reserve for emergencies.

Applicant relies as justification for the granting of this application upon the alleged fact that there is no public conveyance available for transporting passengers, packages or express out of Lompoc other than the trains of the Southern Pacific Company; and that the proposed service in connection with stages operating on the State Highway will make available adequate transportation from Lompoc connecting at Buell's Tavern with stages both north and south bound on the State Highway.

Witnesses for applicant testified as to desirability of the proposed service and the difficulty experienced in the use of the trains of the Southern Pacific Company, such trains not operating at hours convenient for the traveling public particularly as regards persons desiring transportation between Lompoc and Santa Barbara, the County Seat. The population to be served by the establishment of the proposed line is estimated by various witnesses to consist of from 3500 to 4000 people.

We are of the opinion that the proposed service will be of advantage to the residents of Lompoc and that the application should be granted.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by E. C. Craig of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers, packages and express between Lompoc and the point on the Coast Highway known as Buell's Tavern; provided, however, that the rights and privileges hereby granted may not be sold, transferred, leased or assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such sale, transfer, lease or assignment has first been secured.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that an acceptance of this certificate shall be filed with the Railroad Commission within ten days from the date of service of this order; such acceptance to specify the date upon which operation over the route herein authorized shall commence, such date of commencement of operation to be within thirty days from the date of service of this order, and unless such acceptance is filed and commencement of operation as specified therein is made, this order to stand void without further order of the Railroad Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that no vehicle may be operated under this certificate unless such vehicle is owned by the applicant herein or is leased by such applicant under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of August, 1920.

Edwin O. Edgerton
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Commissioners.