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Decision No. 2961

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application
of E. C. CRAIG for a certificate of
public convenience and necessity to
operate passenger service between
Los Olivas and Santa Maria in Santa
Barbara County, under the name of
Craig's Auto Stages.

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S. V. Wright and J. F. Frick
for Applicant.

N. C. Folsom for Pickwick Stages-
N. D., 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 between Los Olivas and Santa Maria in Santa Barbara County.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Handford at Santa Maria, 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 on a schedule of two round trips daily serving as intermediates the communities at Los Alamos and Orcutt; using as equipment one Cadillac automobile seven passenger capacity and one Pierce-Arrow automobile nine passenger capacity with reserve equipment consisting of one Winton-Six automobile seven passenger capacity.

Applicant relies as justification for the granting of this application upon the alleged facts that the existing transportation companies serving the route herein sought do not give frequent service; that the narrow gauge railroad of the Pacific Coast Railway Company operates but one round trip daily between Los Olivas and Santa Maria and the automobile stage line of the Pickwick Stages, Northern Division, does not operate regularly between Los Olivas and Santa Maria, but only operates at infrequent intervals.

The evidence in this proceeding indicates that the volume of traffic between Los Olivas and Santa Maria is not of such magnitude but that same can satisfactorily be cared for by the stages operated by the Pickwick Stages, Northern Division, and the evidence in this proceeding does not indicate that public convenience and necessity requires the establishment of an additional automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Santa Maria and Los Olivas .

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require the establishment

by E. C. Craig of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Santa Maria and Los Olivos; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same hereby is denied.

DETERMINED at San Francisco, California, this 5th

day of August, 1920.

Emil G. Egan
H. D. Loveland
Frank Martin
Dwight Martin

Commissioners