Decision No. 8019



BEFORE THE RAILROAD COLMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of E. J. Thompson for authority to increase passenger fares and to discontinue round trip passenger fares between Fresno and Calwa and Fresno, Kerman and intermediate points.

APPLICATION NO.5891

BY THE COMMISSION -

## <u>O P I E I O E</u>

Above named applicant soeks authority to increase fares for the transportation of passengers by Auto Stage bo tween Fresno and Calwa and Fresno and Barstow, Biola, Vinland and Korman.

Applicant is now operating under fares shown in tariffs filed by George F. Thompson under the fictitious names of Fresno, Kerman Anchor Line Stage, and Calwa Stage, said tariffs having been adopted by applicant E. J. Thompson under authority granted by the Railroad Commission in its Decision No.7512 on Application No.5588, decided April 30, 1920.

Applicant's routes traverse a territory not reached by the Railroad, with the exceptions of the towns of Calwa and Korman and proposed fares are shown as 5 cents and 25 cents higher than rail fare to these points.

As justification for increase in fares, applicant presents statement of revenues and expenses for the year of 1919 which shows a gross revenue from all sources of \$19,427.67 and expenditures, including depreciation of \$23,750.05, resulting in a deficit for the year 1919 of \$4,322.38.

Applying the proposed fares to the period of one year's business, produces a revenue of \$19,163.20 which, added to revenue derived from express business, leasing of cars etc., gives a grand total of \$24,754.50, or a profit of \$1,004.45 for the year. Applicant estimates this will be sufficient to pay increased cost of operation and to take care of depreciation and give approximately 6% on investment of \$16,000.00.

The present and proposed fares of this applicant are shown below:

	Present Fere	Proposed Fare
Fresno to Calwa	10¢	15¢
Fresno to Barstow	35¢	50¢
Fresno to Biola	45¢	60¢
Fresno to Vinland	60¢	75¢
Fresno to Kerman	65¢	75¢

## Round Trip Fares

Fresno to Vinland	1.10	1.50
Fresno to Kerman	1.10	1.50

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

## ORDER

E. J. Thompson having applied for authority to establish the fares hereinafter set forth for the transportation of passengers by automobile between Fresno and Calwa, and Fresno and Barstow, Biola, Vinland and Korman,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that said E. J. Thompson be and he is hereby authorized to file tariffs effective five (5) days from date of issue, establishing the following fares:

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Botween Fresno and Calwa - 15¢ "Fresno "Barstow - 50¢ "Fresno "Biola - 60¢ "Fresno "Vinland - 75¢ "Fresno "Kerman - 75¢

and also to eliminate present round trip fare of \$1.10 between Fresno and Vinland and Kerman.

Deted at Sen Francisco, California, this  $\frac{27}{2}$  day of August, 1920.

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COMMISSIONERS .