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Decision No. 8030

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application of ERNEST R. SPECKTER for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate passenger, baggage and small freight service between Monte Rio via Occidental and Santa Rosa.

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) Application No. 5829.
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W. F. Cowan for applicant.
J. J. Geary for Northwestern Pacific
Railroad Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

By the above application as amended at the hearing, Ernest R. Speckter seeks authority to operate automotive passenger, baggage and express service between Santa Rosa and Monte Rio, serving as intermediate points Camp Meeker, Occidental, Freestone and Sebastopol, but not serving any points between Santa Rosa and Sebastopol.

A public hearing on the application was held by Examiner Westover at Santa Rosa.

Applicant proposes to operate two round trips a day from Monte Rio to Santa Rosa and return during the summer season and one round trip daily during the winter.

He plans to use two 8-passenger stages in the service and charge a through rate of \$1.50 one way, with local rates in the same proportion.

The position of the railroad, which serves Santa Rosa and Monte Rio by its broad gauge line and all of the ^{other} points in question by its narrow gauge line, connecting at Monte Rio, is that there is room for such a service between the local points but not much need for added service between Santa Rosa and the local points, but that the stage could hardly compete with the railroad because the rail rates are about half the proposed stage rates.

The proposed schedules would afford direct connection between Santa Rosa, the county seat, and the other points named, where in some instances long waits are necessary between trains. They also afford opportunity to spend the business day in Santa Rosa, returning the same afternoon, thus avoiding the necessity of staying over night in Santa Rosa to transact business. The only train leaves Freestone at 12:01 noon, landing passengers in Santa Rosa at 4:35 p.m. after waiting two and one-half hours at Monte Rio. Returning one can leave Santa Rosa at 11:11 A.M. reaching Freestone at 2:39 P.M. after waiting at Monte Rio from 12:39 P.M. to 2:16 P.M. By applicant's stage one could leave Monte Rio 6 A.M. Freestone a few minutes later, reach Santa Rosa at 7:45 A.M. and not be obliged to leave until 5:30 P.M.

O R D E R

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 applicant of stages for the common carriage of passengers, baggage and express between Santa Rosa and Monte Rio, serving Camp Meeker, Occidental, Freestone and Sebastopol as intermediate points, but not serving intermediate points between Santa Rosa and Sebastopol.

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.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the said 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, 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.

27th day of August, 1920. Dated at San Francisco, California, this

Edwin R. Edgerton
J. D. Lovin
Thomas R. Brown
H. K. Brundage
Commissioners.