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Decision No. 8104

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application
of THE ADELANTO STAGE COMPANY for
certificate of public convenience
and necessity to operate passenger
and express service between Adelanto
and San Bernardino.

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) Application No. 5997.
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Isaac Jones for applicant.
Robt. Brennan for The Atchison, Topeka &
Santa Fe Railway Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

E. H. Richardson of Ontario proposing to trans-act business under the name of The Adelanto Stage Company, asks authority to operate passenger and express automobile stage service between San Bernardino and Adelanto, serving as intermediate points Devore, Camp Cajon, Highway Junction, Hesperia and Victorville one round trip daily, using a 7-passenger touring car.

A public hearing on the application was held by Examiner Westover at San Bernardino.

All of the points mentioned except Adelanto and Highway Junction are served by The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway and the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad.

The testimony shows that the town of Adelanto is located on the desert nine miles northwest of Victorville, San Bernardino County, with a population of ~~about~~ ~~about~~ about 20 families. It is in a developing agricultural territory in which are about 200 acres of young orchards. Applicant now carries the mail between Adelanto and Victorville under contract with the government. The travel expected by applicant consists of ranchers and others in the vicinity of Adelanto wishing to visit San Bernardino and Cajon, heads of homesteading families employed in San Bernardino, Los Angeles and vicinity wishing to visit their homes near Adelanto at intervals.

It is urged that the proposed schedule will enable travelers from Adelanto to visit San Bernardino, attend to business there and return home the same day. It appears, however, that there are three Santa Fe passenger trains daily in each direction at convenient hours and three available trains on the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad in both directions at convenient hours, besides trains at inconvenient early morning hours. These trains permit passengers to remain in San Bernardino from 8:00 A.M. to 11:40 A.M., 1:10 P.M., 1:20 P.M., 6:45 P.M., 10:30 P.M. and 11:30 respectively, with ample convenient service to Victorville and intermediate points. There was no showing of any inadequacy of such service or that the public convenience and necessity requires additional service.

It appears, however, that Highway Junction is about five miles off the railroad, and while the stages would thus pass through the territory not served by rail there was no showing of any need of service to or from Highway Junction or that the public convenience and necessity requires

it. Camp Cajon is on the railroad about a half mile from the railroad station and does not appear from the testimony to need stage service. However, authority^{to} serve between Victorville and Adelanto will be found in the order.

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 E. E. Richardson as the Adelanto Stage Company of an automobile passenger and express service between Adelanto and San Bernardino.

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 a 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 schedule and tariff are filed within the time herein limited.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this
16th day of September, 1920.

W. H. Bondage
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Commissioners.