

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the application of
JOHN H. J. HORN and CHARLES H. PAINTER
for certificate of public convenience
and necessity to increase passenger
service between Pasadena and Long
Beach.

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Merriam, Rinehart & Merriam for applicants.
T. C. Gould for City of Alhambra.

LOVELAND, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

Applicants have been for some time operating the passenger auto stage line between Pasadena and Long Beach as termini under certificate granted Decision No. 7660 of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

At the time this certificate was granted applicants testified that they proposed to use as equipment Reo automobiles or better. The testimony under the present application was that the business had grown so that applicants had been compelled and had purchased and had in use four large busses with seating capacity of twenty passengers per bus, and that they had under contemplation the purchase of another similar bus.

In June, 1920, Charles F. Cohen was also granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity between Pasadena and Long Beach over a route identical with that operated by present applicants except that while present applicants' route after leaving Alhambra proceeded south through Ramona Acres, Monterey Park, Oil Fields, Montebello and Rico, thence to Long Beach, Cohen's route was, after leaving Alhambra, to San Gabriel, Savannah, El Monte, Oil

Fields and Pico, thence over same route as present applicants to Long Beach. Cohen did not avail himself of the operative rights conferred by the certificate of this Commission to operate as above set forth but endeavored to sell his rights to others. At the time set forth in the Opinion and Order granting said rights they lapsed and no operation was conducted under them. Present applicants give a two hour service between their termini but desire now to operate over the route, certificate for which was granted to Cohen, and propose to give an hourly service between termini except that portion between Alhambra and Pico where the service would be a two-hour service.

The City of Alhambra was represented by the City Attorney, T. C. Gould, who offered the testimony of the President of the Chamber of Commerce of Alhambra, the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Alhambra and its Business Men's Association, the City Manager of Alhambra, two prominent merchants of that city and an auto stage traffic Expert, resident of Alhambra, all to the effect that the service now being given by applicants was an excellent one and that it would be greatly improved or added to by the granting of this application; that public convenience and necessity ^{really} require the additional service.

Mr. W. F. Lemon from the Service Department of the Commission, who had investigated the matter and had taken it up with the Pacific Electric Railway to see if that company desired to protest the granting of the application, reported that that company did not desire to protest

and that the public would be best served and inconvenienced by the granting of the application. I find that it should be granted and submit the following order:

O R D E R

JOHN H. J. HORN and CHARLES H. PAINTER, now operating an auto stage line between Pasadena and Long Beach, California, having applied for permission to increase their auto stage service between said cities by giving an hourly service instead of a two-hour service, adding to their present route a service between Alhambra and Pico over a territory not now occupied by any auto stage service, and it having been clearly shown by the testimony that public convenience and necessity require such additional service,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that said applicants be and they hereby are authorized to increase their service and to serve the additional territory between Alhambra and Pico, as set forth in the Opinion preceding this order,

Dated at San Francisco, California, the 24th day of September, 1920.

Edwin O. Edgerton

H. S. Loveland

L. H. Brundage

Commissioners.