

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 814

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application )  
of E. B. Brown for Certificate of )  
Public Convenience and Necessity )  
to operate passenger and express )  
service between Los Angeles and )  
Ojai, and intermediate points. )  
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APPLICATION NO. 5582.

- Arthur Blanchard and E.M.Selby, for Applicant
- H. W. Kidd, For Motor Transportation Company and United Stages
- S. W. Thompson, For United Stages
- Earl E. Moss, For Harry M. Hunt
- F.E.Watson and A.F.Bowles, for Southern Pacific Company
- W.C.Dunlap, For Hope Stage Line
- M. Thompson, For American Railway Express.

BRUNDIGE, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

E. B. Brown, having made application petitioning the Rail-Road Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate an automotive passenger and express service between Los Angeles and Ojai and intermediate points, a hearing having been held on June 8, 1920, the matter is now ready for decision.

The applicant set forth in his application that there was no stage service between the termini of Los Angeles and Ojai. There are now four stage lines operating over the route involved in this application between Los Angeles and Saugus; two stage routes now operating between Los Angeles through to Santa Paula, and a stage line starting at Fillmore, operating through Santa Paula to Ventura.

Considerable evidence was presented showing that in individual cases passengers were unable to procure accommodations.

and also considerable evidence presented by protestants, including the United Stages, to the effect that stages en route were, as a rule, only partially filled and, taken by and large, the evidence did not indicate that the present facilities are inadequate. Furthermore, there was not sufficient evidence to indicate that public convenience and necessity require the creation of additional service. While considerable evidence was produced in favor of the establishment of this new service, the evidence went more to the desire for competition and did not show that the present service was inadequate.

The Commission is, therefore, of the opinion that the line in question is now being adequately served and that this application should be denied.

O R D E R

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

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1920.  
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Edwin A. Edgerton  
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Arthur R. Wiley  
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Commissioners.