

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of United Stages, Inc. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a passenger auto stage and express package service between Mecca and Westmoreland, and intermediate points.

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) Application No. 6363
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BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

United Stages, Inc. have made application petitioning the Railroad Commission for authority to operate an automobile passenger and express package service between Mecca and Westmoreland and intermediate points.

Applicant proposes to charge fares as set forth in exhibit "A" attached to and made a part of the application in this proceeding, and to operate on a schedule of two round trips daily, using as equipment two eight (8) passenger Cadillac "8" touring cars, and additional equipment as volume of travel justifies.

There is no regular service between Mecca and Westmoreland and along proposed route. Applicants are at present serving this territory through a rent car service and requests for a regular service have been made.

The territory through which this route passes is thickly populated by ranchers, as well as an oil developing camp which requires a large amount of transient labor. There are also a number of State Highway camps located adjacent to proposed route, which employ approximately four hundred (400) men.

The only present means of transportation between Westmoreland and Mecca is via applicants' stage from Westmoreland to Brawley, a distance of ten miles, from Brawley to Miland via Southern Pacific local trains, a distance of twenty-three miles, where passengers must change trains, from Miland to Mecca via Southern Pacific Company, a distance of forty miles, or a total of seventy-three miles, at a fare of \$6.90. Whereas, applicants' proposed route will shorten the distance by eleven miles, with a through service at a fare of \$2.50, or a saving of \$1.40, and those desiring to travel between Westmoreland and Mecca and intermediate points, will be greatly inconvenienced by the establishment of such a service, for which a public necessity exists.

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

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that public convenience and necessity require the establishment by United Stages, Inc. of an automobile passenger and express package service between Westmoreland and Mecca and intermediate points, over the following described route west of Salton Sea: Beginning at Westmoreland, thence to Kane Springs, Big Tree John's, Oasis Ranch and Mecca; and that a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be and the same hereby is granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. That applicant herein shall, within ten (10) days from the date of service of this order, file with the Railroad Commission of the State of California a written acceptance of the certificate herein conveyed, such acceptance to state the date upon which the operation

herein authorized will be commenced, such date to be not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the acceptance herein specified.

2. That applicant, United Stages, Inc. will be immediately required to file tariff of fares and time schedule with the Railroad Commission in accordance with provisions of General Order No. 31, and other regulations of the Railroad Commission.

3. That the operative rights and privileges, authority for which are hereby granted may not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment has first been secured.

4. That no vehicle may be operated by applicant, United Stages, Inc. unless such vehicle is owned by them or is leased by them for a specified amount on a trip on term basis, the leasing of equipment not to include the services of a driver or operator. All employment of drivers of leased cars shall be made on the basis of a contract by which the driver or operator shall bear the relation of an employee to the transportation company.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th
day of December, 1920.

Edwin C. Edgerton
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Commissioners.