

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 8784

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of Welsh Brothers, a co-partnership, composed of Edmund Welsh and Jack Welsh, to operate and maintain an auto stage line from the City of Niland, in the County of Imperial, to the City of Blyth, in the County of Riverside, both in the State of California.

Application No. 6564

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

An application has been made by Welsh Brothers, co-partners, petitioning the Railroad Commission for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate an automobile passenger and baggage service between Niland and Blyth, and intermediate points.

Applicants propose to charge fares in accordance with a schedule marked Exhibit "A" attached to and made a part of the application in this proceeding, and to maintain a schedule of one round trip daily, using as equipment one 7 passenger Touring Car of a type not yet decided upon.

Niland, one of the terminals of proposed route is located on the lines of the Southern Pacific Company, in the Imperial Valley, and Blyth which is the other terminal of this proposed route is located in the Palo Verde Valley on the lines of Southern California Railway, with no direct rail connection between. Passengers from Niland who desire to reach Blyth at the present time are compelled to travel from Niland to San Bernardino or Los Angeles by

the Southern Pacific Company, thence by Santa Fe Railway to Rice, thence via California Southern Railway to Blyth, a very expensive and inconvenient route, which takes twenty-four hours to reach destination. Both the ✓ Imperial Valley and Palo Verde Valley are producers of large quantities of cotton and a number of places of business have been established as a consequence, who desire a quick and convenient means of communication, which will be given by the four hour service of applicants, and they will be greatly inconvenienced by the establishment of such a service for which a real 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 ORDERED that public convenience and necessity require the establishment by Welsh Brothers, co-partners, of an automobile stage line as common carrier of passengers and baggage between Niland and Blyth, over the following route: Commencing at Niland, thence to Peg Leg Crossing, thence to Reynolds, thence to Ripley and thence to Blyth, and that a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be and the same hereby is, granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. That applicants, Welsh Brothers, will, within twenty (20) days from the date hereof, file with the Railroad Commission their written acceptance of this certificate and the conditions named herein, such acceptance to state the date upon which the operation herein authorized will be commenced, such date to be not later than thirty (30) days from the date of the acceptance herein specified.

2. That applicants, Welsh Brothers, will be required to immediately file tariff of fares and time schedule with the Railroad Commission in accordance with provisions of General Order No. 51, and other regulations of the Railroad Commission, such filings are in addition to those filed with the application in this proceeding.

3. That the rights and privileges, authority for which is 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. No vehicle may be operated by applicants, Welsh Brothers, unless such vehicle is owned by them or is leased by them for a specified amount on a trip or 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 22nd
day of December, 1920.

Edwin C. Egan
A. H. Loveland
Frank C. Miller
H. B. Bundege
Dwight M. Austin
Commissioners.