Decision No. 8547

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of J. O. HAGAN for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a passenger and express service between the City of Fresno and the town of Raisin City, Fresno County, California.

Application No. 6397.

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Ernest Walling for Applicant. L. N. Bradshaw for Southern Pacific Company.

BY THE COMMISSION.

OPINION

J. O. Hagan asks authority to operate a passenger and express service between Fresno and Raisin City, serving Westpark as an intermediate point. A public hearing upon the application was hold by Examiner Westover at Fresno.

There is at present no stage service connecting the above points. The Southern Pacific Company serves Fresno and Raisin City, but the service necessitates long waits at Kerman, the junction point. The total rail distance is twenty-seven miles and the elapsed time required for the trip is 2½ hours, west bound, and nearly 7½ hours cast bound. There is but one train per day between Kerman and Raisin City, which are twelve miles apart. The distance between Fresno and Raisin City via Westpark and the highway is seventeen miles. Applicant proposes to operate two round trips per day at convenient hours with a seven passenger Hudson car.

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It appears from applicant's testimony that there is considerable travel to be accommodated by direct service and that residents of Raisin City and Westpark and vicinity frequently seek means of transportation by private conveyances of neighbors.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held on the above application, the matter being submitted and ready for decision,

The Railroad Commission hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require the operation by J. O. Hagan of an automobile stage service as a common carrier of passengers and express between Freeno and Raisin City, serving Westpark as an intermediate point.

The operative rights and privileges hereby established may not be transferred, leased, sold, nor assigned, nor the service abandoned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission thereto 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 his 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 abovementioned schedule and tariff are filed within the time herein limited.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this _____ day of January, 1921.

Commissioners.