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Decision No. 8468

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
W. D. GREER for certificate of public
convenience and necessity to operate
passenger auto service between Bakers-
field, Wasco and Lost Hills and inter-
mediate points.

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In the Matter of the Application of
W. D. GREER STAGE COMPANY for certifi-
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sity to operate passenger auto service
between Lost Hills and ASSOCIATED CAMP
and General Petroleum Camp and Bellridge.

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: Application No. 5922
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Protestant.
F. L. Hanna and E. L. Lucey for Atchison, Topeka
and Santa Fe Railroad, Protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION.

ORDER

The above application No. 5922 was heard formally for the
purpose of argument and evidence on question of rehearing.

In application No. 6247, applicant seeks authority to
operate an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers
between Lost Hills and Bakersfield and intermediate points.

A public hearing was conducted on the above applications
by Examiner Satterwhite at Bakersfield on Tuesday, December 21,
1920, at which time the matters were consolidated to receive evi-
dence and were duly submitted and are now ready for decision.

There being no evidence introduced in support of a re-
hearing in application No. 5922 said application for rehearing
will therefore be dismissed.

In Application No. 6247 applicant is at present operating between Lost Hills and Bakersfield, but is restricted from doing any local business, his activities being confined to the transportation of passengers destined to Bakersfield originating on line which he is now operating between Pismo and Lost Hills.

Several witnesses appeared in support of proposed service. The majority of whom reside in and around Wasco, testified that on account of the rapid growth of Wasco and adjacent territory there is quite a demand for more frequent stage service, to and from Bakersfield. A great deal of dissatisfaction was also expressed with reference to the inability of passengers being able to remain in Bakersfield for an evening's amusement.

The F. C. Jewett Stage Line and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company opposed this application.

The F. C. Jewett Stage Line operates a local service between Bakersfield and Lost Hills serving as intermediate the Town of Wasco, and according to schedule filed with the Commission this stage makes one round trip per day leaving Lost Hills at 9:00 A. M., and Wasco at 10:00 A. M. arriving in Bakersfield at 11:00 A. M. on the return trip the stage leaves Bakersfield at 5:00 P. M.

It appears that this stage company is in the habit of reserving seat space for Lost Hills passengers and refusing to accept passengers for Wasco and other local points except when space is available at leaving time, which makes it inconvenient for Wasco passengers. It also appears that the people living in and around the Lost Hills district demand a more frequent service or a service that will enable them to reach Bakersfield before 10 A. M. F. C. Jewett testified that he is willing to increase his service to meet the convenience and necessity of the traveling public.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad introduced in evidence its statement of train service and passenger business for the

period of June to November 1920, which shows they operate three round trips daily between Bakersfield and Wasco, the revenue for the six months period totals \$2,783.20.

An auto stage line should give the same consideration to local traffic as it does to through traffic and when it appears that local traffic in a particular case is being neglected in favor of through traffic the Commission will authorize the necessary relief.

After a careful consideration of the evidence in this proceeding we find as a fact that public convenience and necessity requires the operation by W. D. Greer of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Lost Hills and Wasco and Bakersfield and intermediate points.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity requires the operation by W. D. Greer of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Lost Hills and Wasco and Bakersfield and intermediate points.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that application for rehearing in the matter of service of W. D. Greer Stage Company between Lost Hills and Associated Camp, General Petroleum Camp and Bellridge be, and the same is hereby dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of January, 1921.

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Wm. J. Martin
Commissioners