Decision No. 8627

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of PICKWICK STAGES, NORTHERN DIVISION, for certificate to operate auto stage service for the transportation of passengers and express packages between Moorpark and Santa Paula, and intermediate points.

Application No. 5751.

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Chas. F. Wren for Applicant.

W. A. Souders for American Railway Express.Co.

F. E. Watson for Southern Pacific Company.

BY THE COMMISSION.

<u>OPINION</u>

Applicant seeks authority to operate passenger and express stage service between Moorpark and Santa Paula, one round trip daily, using 9, 12 and 15 passenger Pierce-Arrow cars.

A public hearing upon the application was held by Examiner Westover at Santa Paula.

The line proposed will afford a direct service where there is no present direct means of transportation by stage or rail. The most direct route at present is by applicant's stages between Moorpark and Saticoy via Somis, and by Southern Pacific from Saticoy to Santa Paula. Another route is all rail by Southern Pacific via the junction at Montalvo, but the connections by either route are poor and it is not possible by either of them to go and come the same day at reasonable hours.

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ORDER

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

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREEY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Pickwick Stages. N. D., a corporation, of automobile passenger and express stage service between Moorpark and Santa Paula direct.

The 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.

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 HEREPY ORDERED that the said applicant shall within twenty days from the date hereof file with the Railroad Commission its 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 ninety 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 tariffs are filed within the time herein limited.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>21</u> day of February, 1921.