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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
 W. M. SANFORD, J. M. MAURER, F. GOVERNOR :
 and WERT IRWIN, a co-partnership, to :
 operate an auto stage line for the carry-) Application No. 6391
 ing of passengers as a transportation :
 company between SACRAMENTO and REDDING :
 and certain intermediate points)

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 Sanborn & Roehl & Delancy C. Smith
 for Western Motor Transport Company, Crews and Morss
 and Judy and Elliott, Protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O R D E R

W. M. Sanford, J. M. Maurer, F. Governor and Wert Irwin, a co-partnership, have petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by them of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Sacramento and Redding via Davis, Woodland, Williams, Corning and Red Bluff and intermediate points.

A public hearing on this application was conducted before Examiner Satterwhite at Sacramento on January 12, 1921, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicant proposes to charge rates in accordance with the schedule marked "Exhibit A" filed with said application and to operate on a time schedule marked "Exhibit B" attached to said application, using as equipment a sufficient number of Pierce-Arrow automobiles of a capacity of fourteen passengers each, to cover the proposed service.

The Western Motor Transport Company, Messrs. Crews and Morse and Judy and Elliott appeared as protestants in this application.

The applicants stipulated that they did not desire to operate any local service between Sacramento and Woodland and between Red Bluff and Redding for the reason that the territory between those particular places is already being adequately served by above named protestants. In view of this stipulation, the said protestants withdrew all opposition to the proposed service.

The Northern California Counties Association with its headquarters at Redding, strongly endorsed this proposed service through its authorized representative, E. A. Rolison. Mr. Rolison is City Manager of Redding and testified to the effect that many citizens residing in the Counties represented in said Association desired this service.

Redding is a thriving and growing community in the northern part of this State and is the center of large business and industrial activities. It appears that many traveling men who operate between Sacramento and Redding desire this service. The testimony also shows that many merchants and citizens in the towns of Williams, Corning, Willows and Red Bluff have expressed a desire for this service.

Willows is located in the heart of a large rice growing district and many farm laborers are employed throughout the district to be served by this proposed line. Applicants gave testimony to the effect that in conversation with many residents and farmers along the entire route dissatisfaction has been expressed with the infrequency of train service and that there was a desire expressed for this proposed stage line. It was shown that numerous inquiries, consisting of at least ten a day, have been made at the offices of the Star Stage Company for transportation

over this route.

After a careful consideration of the evidence, we are of the opinion that public convenience and necessity will be served by the establishment of this proposed service and that the application should be granted.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by W. M. Sanford, J. M. Maurer, F. Governor and Wert Irwin, a co-partnership, of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Sacramento and Redding via Davis, Woodland, Williams, Corning and Red Bluff and intermediate points,

Provided, however, that no local passengers will be carried between Sacramento and Woodland and between Red Bluff and Redding, and

Provided further, that the rights and privileges herein granted may not be transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such transfer or assignment has first been secured.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that no vehicle may be operated by applicants herein unless such vehicle is owned by them or is leased by them under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of March, 1921.

Frank R. Smith
H. H. Woodland
B. B. Roundtree
Charles H. Rowley

Commissioners

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Rehearing*