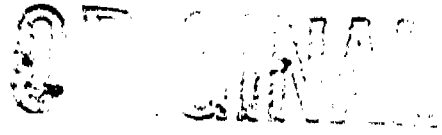


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Decision No. 8714

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



In the Matter of the APPLICATION of)
 ROBERT TENAN, F. E. WOOD, and HARRY)
 S. WATHEM, for a certificate that :
 public convenience and necessity re- : Application No. 6380
 quire the exercise of the rights and)
 privileges granted to applicants :
 under certain permits.)

FRANK K. TITUS for Applicant.
 R. C. GORTNER and O. A. SMITH
 for Pacific Electric Rwy.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O R D E R

Robert Tenan, F. E. Wood and Harry S. Wathem 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 El Segundo and Redondo Beach, and intermediate points, under the firm name and style of Redondo and El Segundo Bus Company.

A public hearing on this application was conducted before Examiner Satterwhite on January 24, 1921, at Los Angeles, at which time the matter was submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicants propose to charge rates and to operate on a time schedule in accordance with schedules filed with said application, using as equipment a twenty-five passenger bus.

The Pacific Electric Railway Company opposed the granting of this application.

Several thousand workmen are employed at the plant of the Standard Oil Company at El Segundo and several hundred of

these workmen reside in the various towns proposed to be served by this bus line. The Pacific Electric operates an hourly service by way of the Ocean Boulevard between Redondo Beach and El Segundo, but its station is located one mile over a hill from El Segundo.

The testimony of applicants shows that several hundred of these workmen have requested the establishment of this proposed service in order to obviate this long walk and climb over the hill to the station of the Pacific Electric. Applicants have filed a petition containing the names of over three hundred persons residing at the various towns proposed to be served, requesting the establishment of this service.

The Pacific Electric offered to stipulate at the hearing to withdraw its opposition if the applicants would consent to a proviso in the certificate restraining applicant from handling passengers between Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach inclusive, but applicants declined to accept such stipulation. Applicants admitted that the Pacific Electric is rendering a good and satisfactory service and that the chief justification for the granting of the application would rest upon the inconvenience and delay in the long walk over the hill from El Segundo to the Pacific Electric's Station.

We are of the opinion that the stipulation was a reasonable one and should have been accepted by the applicants.

Applicants presented local permits granted by the Board of Trustees of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and El Segundo, authorizing the operation of the proposed line through these respective communities.

After a careful consideration of the evidence, we are of the opinion that the application should be granted.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Robert Tenan, F. E. Wood and Harry S. Wathem, under the firm name and style of Redondo and El Segundo Bus Company, of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between El Segundo and Redondo Beach, and intermediate points.

Provided, however, that no passengers shall be carried by applicants in either direction between Redondo Beach and intermediate points, nor inter-locally between intermediate points on said route, 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 applicants shall file within ten days from the date hereof, a written acceptance of the Order herein contained, such acceptance to set forth the date upon which operation will commence, which date shall be within ninety days from the date hereof.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER 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 7th day of March, 1921.

Frank P. Wilson
H. D. Loveland
J. P. ...
Charles H. ...

Commissioners