

Decision No. 9219

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
F. M. TODD for a certificate of pub-
lic convenience and necessity to op-
erate an auto stage line for the
transportation of persons and freight
for compensation, between Ukiah, Men-
docino County, and Willits, Mendocino
County, and intermediate points.

Application No. 6646.

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M. E. Iversen for Applicant.

J. J. Geary for Northwestern Pacific Rail-
road Company.

Edward Stern for American Railway Express
Company.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

F. M. Todd applies for authority to operate passenger stage service between Ukiah and Willits, a distance of 24.6 miles, serving Calpella as an intermediate point.

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

Mr. Todd inaugurated this service to meet the Ukiah trains No. 3 and No. 4 of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company operated between Sausalito and Ukiah, delivering north bound passengers at Willits about 10:00 P.M. and taking them from Willits at 4:30 A.M., to connect with train No. 3, leaving Ukiah at 5:55 P.M., 1 hour and 20 minutes being the average running time between Ukiah and Willits.

The inauguration on May 28, 1921, of the night service on the railroad through to Eureka and Fort Bragg takes care of the needs of Willits' passengers who formerly took the south bound train at Ukiah at 5:55 A.M.

Under leave granted at the hearing, applicant has filed an amended time schedule under which north bound passengers on train No. 4 may leave Ukiah at 8:20 P.M. and arrive at Willits at 9:40 P.M. Under it, south bound passengers may leave Willits at 3:00 A.M., arrive at Ukiah, the county seat, at 9:20 A.M., and leave for points south of Ukiah on the afternoon train No. 1. The passengers heretofore carried averaged about six per day in both directions. The operation is favored by the Board of Trustees of Ukiah, the Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County, and by the Ukiah Chamber of Commerce.

Applicant having withdrawn his request for authority to carry freight and express, and proposing to limit his operations to the carrying of passengers and hand baggage, the express company and the railroad company refrained from protesting. There is no other stage service between the points in question and it appears that the service proposed under the circumstances described will be of great convenience to the travelling public.

O R D E R

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

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by F. M. Todd of an automobile passenger stage service between Ukiah and Willits, serving Calpella as an intermediate point.

The operative rights and privileges hereby established may not be transferred, leased, sold nor assigned, nor the said 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 HEREBY ORDERED that applicant shall, within twenty (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 schedules 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 (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 above mentioned schedules and tariffs are filed within the time herein limited.

July
~~June~~ 1921. Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of

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Commissioners.