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Decision No. 9451

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
J. F. BIRCH for leave to abandon
passenger and baggage service between
Healdsburg and Calistoga, via Jintown
and Kellogg.

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Application No. 7132

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BY THE COMMISSION,

ORDER

In this proceeding, J. F. Birch has made application to the Railroad Commission in which he petitions that the Commission issue its order authorizing him to discontinue the operation of a stage line for the transportation of passengers and baggage between Healdsburg, -Calistoga, serving as intermediate points Jintown and Kellogg.

The operative rights which applicant proposes to abandon were obtained by him under Decision No. 9163, issued on June 27, 1921.

Applicant in his petition states that due to the extremely poor conditions of the road between Healdsburg and Calistoga and the exceptionally light traffic between such points, his service has been operated at a considerable loss ever since its inception, - that during the period July 18, 1921 to August 18, 1921, the gross revenue from such operation amounted to \$166.80 and that expenses, including depreciation, amounted to approximately \$495.00 or a loss of approximately \$328.20 per month.

Applicant also states at the present time that there is no prospect or probability of an early improvement of the condition of the roads and accordingly it is his belief that such

operation could not be conducted at a profit for an indefinite time.

It appearing to the Commission that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled application be, and the same hereby is granted subject to the following condition.

That applicant J. F. Birch shall immediately cancel all tariffs of rates and time schedules at present on file with the Railroad Commission covering passenger and baggage service between Healdsburg and Calistoga, via Jintown and Kellogg.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of August, 1921.

H. B. Remondet
H. S. Lovelock
David M. Martin
Walter H. Brown
J. J. Penick
Commissioners