

Decision No. 9512

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
HARRY HARPER for certificate of public
convenience and necessity to operate
automobile passenger and express
service between Santa Maria and Better-
avia and Guadalupe and way points.

} Application No. 7052.

F. J. Gobel for A. G. Chapman and
for S. S. Gillespie.

E. M. Sims for Pacific Coast Railroad
Company.

K. B. Coleman for Santa Maria Valley
Railway Company.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

Harry Harper applies for authority to operate automobile passenger and express service between Santa Maria and Guadalupe; serving Betteravia as an intermediate point.

A public hearing on the application was held by Examiner Westover at Santa Maria. Applicant did not appear nor present testimony in support of his application.

It appears from the testimony that S. S. Gillespie operates four round trips a day between Santa Monica and Guadalupe, with 16- and 10-passenger stages, and is able to handle much more travel than at present. The Union Sugar Company operates a sugar factory at Betteravia, employing an average of 100 men, and during the sugar campaign (from August to December) employing about twice that number.

Mr. Gillespie operated between Santa Monica and Betteravia two or three months during the campaign, but found his line so poorly patronized that it could not be maintained, and the operation was discontinued.

A. G. Chapman operates a 7-passenger car two round trips a day between Betteravia and Guadalupe.

Both operators and six business men of the vicinity testified that they knew of no facts which would justify an additional line.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held upon the above application and the matter being submitted,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require the service described in the application and that there is at present sufficient service in the territory described.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same hereby is dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of September, 1921.

H. B. Bourdier

James M. Martin

Charles H. Brown

J. H. ...

Commissioners.