

Decision No. 9537

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of FRANK C. LLOYD for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate passenger, express, baggage, and package service, between Santa Maria in Santa Barbara County, and Taft in Kern County, and intermediate points under the name of Lloyd's Stages.

Application No. 6932.

J. F. Frick for Applicant.
N. C. Folsom and C. F. Wrenn for
Pickwick Stages, N.D.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

By this application, Frank C. Lloyd, operating under the name of Lloyd's Stages, applies for authority to operate passenger, express and baggage service between Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, and Taft, Kern County, serving as intermediate points Suey Ranch, Alamo, Spanish Ranch, Caliente Ranch, Cuyama Ranch and Maricopa.

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

Applicant proposes to operate a Dodge touring car, three round trips per week, adding other equipment if and when needed. The proposed route generally follows the Cuyama River and would serve communities in the mountainous country through which the river runs, and also in the Cuyama Valley south and west of Maricopa. This territory is at present without any means of public transportation. The proposed line would afford direct service between Santa Maria, with a population of 3500 or more and a well populated oil and farm-

ing territory adjacent, Maricopa with a population of about 1500, and Taft with a population of upwards of 4000 or 5000, the latter towns being important points in the Kern County oil fields. It would also serve from 60 to 75 families in the Cuyama Valley, engaged in ranching, and some 15 families along the route between Santa Maria and the pass at the westerly end of Cuyama Valley.

The most direct rail connection between the terminals referred to is through Los Angeles or San Jose and Niles. The most direct stage connection is via Pickwick Stages and W. D. Greer's line via Paso Robles and Shandon. Each of these routes is circuitous, expensive and slow.

ORDER

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

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Frank C. Lloyd, operating under the name of Lloyd's Stages, of a passenger, express, and baggage service between Santa Maria in Santa Barbara County, and Taft in Kern County, serving as intermediate points Suey Ranch, Alamo, Spanish Ranch, Caliente Ranch, Cuyama Ranch and Maricopa.

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 fifteen days from the date hereof, file with the Railroad Commission his

schedule and tariff covering said proposed service, which shall be in addition to proposed schedule 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 thirty 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 schedule and tariff are filed within the time herein limited.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of September, 1921.

A. D. Loveland
George M. Mason
Charles H. Rowan
Commissioners.