

Decision No. 9549

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
 W. F. DREW for certificate of public)
 convenience and necessity to operate : Application No. 6733
 passenger and baggage stage service)
 between Blairsden and Camp Elwell,)
 California.

W. F. Drew in propria persona.-

BY THE COMMISSION,

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding W. F. Drew has made application to the Railroad Commission in which he petitions that the Railroad Commission grant him a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the operation of an automobile stage line for the transportation of passengers and baggage between Blairsden, Plumas County, California and Camp Elwell and camping grounds in the vicinity thereof located in Plumas County, California.

A hearing was held in the above entitled proceeding before Examiner Satterwhite on Friday, September 16, 1921, at Quincy, at which time the matter was submitted and it is now ready for decision.

W. F. Drew, applicant in the present proceeding, is the proprietor of Camp Elwell, a summer resort located in the Feather River Canyon in Plumas County. He states that during the summer season when his camp is open there is considerable travel between Blairsden, the nearest railroad station and Camp Elwell and camping grounds in the vicinity and that he has had numerous requests from people stopping at his camp or camping in the vicinity for transportation between such points. He does not desire to carry any persons to points intermediate to Blairsden and Elwell, but only through passengers and baggage destined from Blairsden to Camp Elwell and vicinity, or from his camp to the

railroad station at Blairsden.

Applicant, as a witness in his own behalf, and other witnesses stated that there had been considerable dissatisfaction as regards the service at present rendered by Greene and Greene and the Blairsden Stage Line and that on frequent occasions when requests have been made by guests for transportation over the stage line last named, they have failed to call, or in fact on numerous occasions to operate at all, which necessitated passengers remaining over an extra night. He also submitted in evidence a number of receipts issued by the Blairsden Stage Company for round trip transportation, such receipts having been issued to passengers carried by the Blairsden Stage Company from Blairsden to the camps, but which the Blairsden Stage Company was unable to carry on the return trip irrespective of the fact that they had accepted compensation for transportation both ways.

Applicant does not desire to operate the stage line during the entire year, but to make one round trip per day only during the season of the year in which his camp is open.

No one appearing in protest to the granting of this application and it appearing to the Commission that the establishment of a stage line as proposed is necessary and would be a considerable convenience to the public patronizing Camp Elwell or camping grounds in the vicinity of Elwell, we are of the opinion that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

A hearing having been held upon the above entitled application, evidence submitted and the Commission being fully informed,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by W. F. Drew of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers and baggage between Blairsden and Camp Elwell and camping grounds in the vicinity of Camp Elwell, Plumas County, California, and a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and the same hereby is granted subject to

the following conditions:

1. That applicant W. F. Drew shall not accept for transportation persons and baggage destined to any point intermediate to Blairsden and Camp Elwell with the exception of passengers from Blairsden to the camping grounds within a radius of one-half mile of Camp Elwell, and shall on the return trip only transport passengers from Camp Elwell and camping grounds within a radius of one-half mile thereof to Blairsden.

2. That applicant W. F. Drew shall file his written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed (10) ten days from date hereof and shall file within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from date hereof, in duplicate, his tariff of rates and time schedules, which tariff of rates and time schedules will be in addition to the tariff of rates and time schedules filed with his application herein.

3. That the service herein authorized shall be operated only during such period of the year as Camp Elwell is open for the entertainment of guests.

4. That the rights and privileges hereby authorized may not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment has first been secured, with the exception that service may be discontinued each year in accordance with the provision of Condition No. 3.

5. That no vehicle may be operated by the applicant, W. F. Drew, unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is leased by him under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23^d day
of September, 1921.

A. D. Loveland
George Martin
W. H. Powell

Commissioners.