

Decision No. 9648-

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of UNITED STAGES INC. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a change of route on certain of its stage line operations, to-wit: Los Angeles to Imperial Valley, via Indio.

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) Application No. 7279
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BY THE COMMISSION,

ORDER

In this proceeding United Stages Inc. petitions the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing it to change its route over which it operates its passenger stages at the present time between Coachella and a point on the State Highway north of the Salton Sea.

Applicant states in support of its petition that the State Highway has recently been completed along this route, that such highway does not follow the old road from Coachella through Thermal and Mecca branching off to the northwest of the Salton Sea, but has been constructed straight across from Coachella to a connection with the old road approximately twelve miles west of Mecca.

Under Decision No. 8551, dated January 17, 1921, applicant herein was authorized to operate an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers between Los Angeles and Brawley, serving as intermediate points Palm Springs, Indio, Coachella, Thermal, Mecca, Oasis Ranch, Fig Tree Johns and Westmoreland. The present application if granted will permit stages operating under the above numbered certificate to skip the intermediate points of Thermal and Mecca. Applicant alleges, however, that such points will be

just as adequately served by its stage line operating to Blythe, which stage will make direct connections with the Brawley Stage at Coachella. Applicant also claims that the territory between Mecca and the point of connection of the new State Highway with the old road is desert country containing no settlement which would be inconvenienced through the abandonment of service.

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 United Stages be, and the same hereby is authorized to operate its stages between Los Angeles and Brawley over the route as specifically granted under Decision No. 8551 with the exception that such stages shall be routed at Coachella over the State Highway to a connection with the original road approximately twelve miles west of Mecca.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26^d day of October, 1921.

W. D. Loveland
Charles A. Prince
J. J. Hendrix
Commissioners