Decision No. 9669

## ORIGINAL

## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of G. H. BLOUNT for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate passenger, freight and express service between Stevinson, Merced County, and Newman, Stanislaus County.

Application No. 6712.

G. H. Blount in propria persona.

BY THE COMMISSION.

## OPINION

A public hearing was held by Examiner Westover at Livingston upon the above application for authority to operate passenger, freight and express service between Newman, on the Southern Pacific line, and Stevinson, about 12 miles distant, which is without rail transportation.

It appears that Stevinson has a population of about 50 beside about 500 families living at Stevinson Colony adjacent to Stevinson. Applicant carries the United States' mail under contract expiring July 1, 1922, and wishes to transport passengers and freight on his mail truck. The testimony shows that there is no other means of public transportation between these points and that the application should be granted.

## 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 G. H. Blount of passenger, freight and express service between Newman and Stevinson.

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 HEREEY ORDERED that applicant shall, within fifteen days from the date hereof, file with the Railroad Commission his schedules and tariffs 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 schedules and tariffs are filed within the time herein limited.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of October, 1921.