Decision No. 9672



BEFORE THE PAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of JOHN R. GRAY for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate passenger, baggage and freight service between Groveland and Chinese Station, in Tuolumne County, California.

Application No. 4650.

J. L. Webster for Applicant.

Lafayette J. Smallpage for R. R. Young, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

OPINION

A public hearing was held by Examiner Westover at Chinese Station on the above application for authority to operate a passenger, baggage and freight service between Groveland and Chinese Station, Tuolumne County, one round trip per day.

The ground of the application is that the passenger stage line operating between Stockton and Groveland via Chinese Station operates stages to and from Groveland which connect with the Stockton stages, but do not connect at Chinese Station with the trains of the Sierra Railroad at that point. The evidence does not support the allegation in this particular. There was also testimony to the effect that prospective passengers were refused passage and, in one instance, that passengers were carried by. It appears, however, from a travel check presented that R.R. Young provides sufficient accommodations for the Groveland-Chinese Station travel and has provided for extra cars from Chinese Station in case of overloads. It also satisfactorily appears from the undisputed testimony of the driver that the persons who were carried by changed their plan after passing the station and decided to return to the station and take the train, and that the driver offered to return with them to the station but they declined.

It appears from the Commission's records that applicant was authorized on December 3, 1918, to operate an express and freight service pursuant to Application No. 4213. No reason appears for filing the new application to cover freight and express service. As further passenger service it appears is not needed, the present application must be denied.

ORDER

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

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREEY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require the operation by J. R. Gray of an automotive passenger stage service between Chinese Station and Groveland,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application be and it is hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, Californiz, this $\frac{284}{28}$ day of October, 1921.

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