

Decision No. 26597

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
HEPLE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY for)
authority to discontinue operation)
of an automobile service as a common) Application
carrier between Santa Cruz and) No. 19103
Capitola.)

Ralph L. Heple, in propria persona.

A. V. Woodhouse, for Capitola Chamber of
Commerce, Interested party.

BY THE COMMISSION -

O P I N I O N

The application of the Heple Transportation Company came on for bearing before Examiner Johnson on November 15, 1933, at Santa Cruz. This applicant requests permission to discontinue service as a common carrier for the transportation of persons between Santa Cruz and Capitola and intermediate points. The applicant is operating under authority of Decision No. 22492, issued on Application No. 16514.

The applicant proved that the revenue derived from the operation of buses between Santa Cruz and Capitola was only equal to about half of the cost of running such service and that that condition has existed ever since June, 1933, when the School Department started running their own buses. The applicant had a contract with the School Department for the carrying of school passengers up to the 8th day of June last when the School Department purchased their own buses. The applicant showed that the revenue from May 1st to November 13th on this line was only \$266.51 excluding the last five weeks' revenue from the school contract. The cost of operation of said line was given

as \$514.74 for the same period, showing a loss of \$248.23. The School Department had paid the applicant approximately \$100.00 per month up to the present school term.

After hearing the testimony in this case, the only protestant, A. B. Woodhouse, of the Capitola Chamber of Commerce, withdrew his opposition.

We are of the opinion that the application should be granted, as the testimony showed there was no hope of an increase in travel on this line.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Heple Transportation Company, operating a passenger service under authority of Decision No.22492, on Application No.16514, between Santa Cruz and Capitola and intermediate points, be and it is hereby authorized to abandon all such service, provided applicant shall post notice of such discontinuance at its terminals and in its vehicles at least five (5) days before the effective date of such discontinuance and shall within twenty (20) days after date hereof file withdrawal of its tariffs and time schedules therefor.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of

December, 1933.

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