

Decision No. <u>27255</u>

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) DAVID E. COVEY) for authority to discontinue opera-) Application No. 19554 tion of an automobile service as a common) carrier between Redding and Fern.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

David E. Covey, operating automotive service for the transportation of persons and/or property between Redding and Fern and intermediate points, under authority granted by Decision No. 24840, dated June 6, 1932, on Application No. 18180, has requested authority to suspend all service until April 1, 1935. Applicant alleges that he has lost the mail contract over this route and that, at present, the revenues from other service under certificate are not sufficient to meet expenses of operation.

Applicant's annual report for 1933 on file with this Commission show gross receipts of \$2,808.07, of which \$2,339.00 was received from the mail contract. Applicant transported 15 passengers and 15 tons of freight during the year receiving \$469.09 from such patronage. The route is 44 miles in mountain country. It is obvious that until patronage improves applicant cannot operate at a profit.

This is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted. While applicant has also requested the revocation of his operating rights, this

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will be denied as this appears to be an inadvertent following of form.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that David E. Covey be, and he hereby is, authorized to suspend all service between Redding and Fern and intermediate points, as authorized by Decision No. 24840 on Application No. 18180, from the effective date of this order until April 1, 1935, provided applicant shall file, in triplicate, and make effective within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from the effective date of this order, and on not less than five (5) days notice to the Commission and the public, supplements to his tariffs and time schedules showing such suspension as authorized herein.

This order shall become effective upon date of signature.

DATED at San Francisco, California, this $\underline{5}$ day of August, 1934.

Commissioners.