

Decision No. 20865

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
George A. Manley, d.b.a. Redding-)
Weaverville Stage Company, for author-) Application No. 21986
ity to discontinue service between)
Tower House and French Gulch, and)
Lewiston Junction and Lewiston.)

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GEORGE A. MANLEY, in Propria Persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

By this application George A. Manley, operating under the name and style of Redding-Weaverville Stage Company, requests an order of this Commission authorizing him to discontinue and abandon all his service as a common carrier of passengers and property between Tower House and French Gulch and Lewiston and Lewiston Junction.

A public hearing in this matter was conducted by Examiner McGottigan in French Gulch on June 1, 1938, where testimony was received, the matter submitted, and it is now ready for decision.

No protests to the granting of this application were presented.

Applicant Manley took the stand in his own behalf and testified that he had operated, under certificate of public convenience and necessity, a common carrier automotive service between Redding and Weaverville via Shasta, Tower House, Fawn Lodge, Lewiston Junction and Douglas City, also between Tower House, French Gulch and Lewiston Junction and Lewiston. It is this latter route that applicant seeks to abandon, he stated. Applicant Manley further

testified that he also had been transporting U. S. Mail under contract between the points enumerated; that on and after July 1, 1938, he would no longer have this mail contract; that as a result of the relinquishment thereof he would be faced with a substantial monthly operating loss on the operation sought to be abandoned due to the fact that 95 per cent of his revenue was derived from said mail contracts and only 5 per cent from other sources.

Passengers to these points averaged less than one a month, it was alleged, and it was further revealed that applicant's principal patrons in Lewiston were now operating their own trucks and hence would no longer need or patronize his service. The balance of his business in this Lewiston area, applicant testified, was with mines and gold dredges which have now shut down or will shut down or curtail activities in the near future.

French Gulch will not be adversely affected in so far as freight is concerned ⁽¹⁾ and it appears that the prevalence of the private automobile has definitely eliminated any necessity for passenger service to this point.

In addition to the aforementioned conditions, applicant avers that abandonment of the service referred to herein will enable him to

1. Eliminate the expense of maintaining an extra car between Lewiston Junction and Lewiston required by the mail service.
2. Result in faster and more expedited service between Redding and Weaverville and intermediate points by virtue of the elimination of delays attendant upon branch operation to and from French Gulch and the Lewiston Junction mail transfer.
3. That by virtue of said faster and more expedited service applicant will develop more business and consequently more revenue.

(1) Application No. 21642, Dave Willis, granted by Decision No. _____, dated _____.

In summarizing we find that there is being conducted an unprofitable off-main-line operation to points where principal patrons have provided their own means of transportation or will contract for service when needed, elimination of which will effectively aid in the maintenance of a much more direct and faster service over the remainder of applicant's route. It further appears that a proposed service ⁽²⁾ will take care of the one point (French Gulch) needing service.

Therefore, it appearing that the public interest will not be adversely affected and the relief sought is warranted, we recommend that the application be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that George A. Manley, operating under the name and style of Rodding-Weaverville Stage Company, be and he is hereby authorized to discontinue and abandon all his common carrier automotive service between Tower House and French Gulch and between Lewiston and Lewiston Junction, provided, that applicant shall file within ten (10) days from the effective date of this order, on at least five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, a supplement to his tariff in triplicate and a time schedule in duplicate showing the authority to abandon herein granted.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Decision No. 26946 in so far as it refers to the service herein referred to as being abandoned be and it is revoked and annulled.

(2) See footnote one, page 2 of this opinion.

The effective date of this order shall be ten (10) days from date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of June, 1938.

Walter M. ...
Leon ...
Frank ...
Robert ...
Paul ...
COMMISSIONERS