

Decision No. 31329

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Laguna Beach-Santa Ana Stage Line, a corporation, to discontinue transportation of express over its lines, other than in shipments weighing one hundred pounds or less. }

ORIGINAL

Application No. 22190

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Laguna Beach-Santa Ana Stage Line, a corporation, seeks authority to discontinue and abandon the service it now renders as a passenger stage corporation for the transportation of express in shipments weighing more than 100 pounds.<sup>1</sup>

In support of this request applicant alleges that express is transported in the same equipment used in its passenger operations; that while space available for carrying express is adequate to accommodate in the aggregate shipments offered weighing 100 pounds or less, it is inadequate to accommodate additional shipments weighing in excess of 100 pounds; and that such heavier shipments must be transported inside the vehicles with resulting inconvenience to passengers. Applicant represents that during the six month period ending July, 1938, only six shipments weighing more than 100 pounds had been transported for a total revenue of \$5.69 and urges that such volume of traffic is insufficient to justify the maintenance of hand trucks, special equipment and extra man power necessary for its accommodation. Applicant states, moreover, that there are at the present time, four other common carriers transporting express between the points which it serves and that should the discontinuance of

<sup>1</sup> Applicant operates a stage service for the transportation of passengers and express between Santa Ana, Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Balboa Beach, Laguna Beach and intermediate points, under authority of Decision No. 27900 in Application No. 19841.

service as here sought be permitted, there would be no lack of service in the territory and no resulting inconvenience to the public.

It appears that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary; that the discontinuance by applicant of transportation service for shipments of express weighing more than 100 pounds will remove certain inconveniences to applicant's passenger patrons; that it will improve both applicant's passenger service and the remaining express service; and that such discontinuance will not deprive the public of adequate service or facilities.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Laguna Beach-Santa Ana Stage Line, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to cancel rates, rules and regulations shown in its Local Express Tariff C.R.C. No. 4, and supplements thereto, insofar as they pertain to the transportation of shipments of express weighing more than 100 pounds, and, upon such cancellation, to discontinue and abandon all operations for the transportation of shipments of express weighing more than 100 pounds.

The authority herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within sixty (60) days from the date hereof.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of

October, 1938.

Raymond W. Smith  
Leon Albrecht  
James W. Smith  
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Commissioners