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Decision No. 34733

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) M. L. O'HARRA, for certificate of) public convenience and necessity to) operate a passenger stage service as) a common carrier, between Barstow, California and Bicycle Lake, California.

Application No. 24152

BY THE COMMISSION:

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION

M. L. O'Harra was granted a highway common carrier certificate authorizing him to operate a passenger stage service between Barstow and Bicycle Lake by Decision No. 34184, issued May 13, 1941, in Application No. 24152. The evidence showed that a United States Army camp was being constructed at Bicycle Lake to be used to train from 3,000 to 8,000 soldiers. No public transportation facilities were available.

Subsequently, O'Harra filed an application requesting an extension of the time allowed him to file a tariff and a time schedule applicable to his operation. The reasons prompting that request were set forth in the application. They were, in substance, that the commanding officer of the camp had not decided what the transportation needs were nor the manner in which O'Harra's services might be utilized most efficiently. The extension sought by the applicant was granted July 9, 1941.

A written request for authority to suspend operations temporarily was received from O'Harra October 24, 1941. This

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request avers that after the certificate was granted by the Commission, the operation was inaugurated from Barstow to the camp. It is stated that it is 6 miles from the camp boundary to the barracks. O'Harra applied to the United States Army for a permit to run buses to the barracks but such permission has not been granted. Pending action on this permit, men are being hauled in army trucks. O'Harra says that while he has continued to operate between Barstow and the camp boundary, not a single passenger has used his service. He seeks authority to suspend operations until the army determines what it will do about the transportation situation.

This request seems reasonable and the Commission is of the opinion that it should be granted.

<u>order</u>

Good cause appearing,

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IT IS ORDERED that M. L. O'Harra is authorized to discontinue the passenger stage service operated between Barstow and Bicycle Lake pursuant to the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by Decision No. 34134 until Monday, March 16, 1942, provided his tariff and time schedule are amended, on not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and the public, to show that such service has been suspended temporarily as authorized herein.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, th of <u>November</u>, 1941.

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