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Decision No. 35383

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) LEE RICHARDSON and ALICE A. RICHARDSON) copartners doing business under the) name of "Richardson Springs Stage Line") for a certificate of public convenience) and necessity to operate the automobile) stage service for the transportation of) passengers and express being operated) by applicants between Chico and Richardson) Springs under prior right, between the) intermediate points of Chico A_my Basic) Training School and Richardson Springs.)

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BY THE COMMISSION:

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By their application in this matter, Lee Richardson and Alice A. Richardson, co-partners doing business under the firm name of Richardson Springs Stage Line (referred to subsequently as the applicant) seek a certificate of public convenience and necessity under section 50‡, Public Utilities Act, authorizing the extension of the passenger stage service, which applicant now conducts, to the Chico Basic Flying School, an intermediate point upon its line.

Applicant now operates a passenger stage service between Chico and Richardson Springs, a distance of about twelve miles, serving the terminals only; it is not authorized to serve any intermediate point. Its operative right rests upon the "grandfather" clause of the Auto Stage and Truck Transportation Act (Statutes 1917, Chapter 213). The Chico Basic Flying School, which it now proposes to serve, is situated adjacent to its present route, about six miles northeast of Chico. Authority to serve this point is essential, so applicant alleges, to accommodate those traveling between Chico and the field, and also civilian employees and army personnel, stationed

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at the field, who may desire to reside at Richardson Springs. At the latter point is situated a resort which has ample accommodations to house them.

Between Richardson Springs and the field, a one-way fare of 20 cents would be established with a round-trip fare of 35 cents. The existing fares between Chico and Richardson Springs, S1 one way and S1.50 round trip, would be reduced to 35 cents and 65 cents, respectively. Express shipments, limited to one hundred pounds each, would be carried gratis for passengers, on buses only. Schedules will be filed, designed to meet the requirements of the traffic. Suitable equipment will be used to conduct the service.

In our judgment a need exists for the extension of applicant's service to Chico Basic Flying School; and, accordingly, the application will be granted. No public hearing appears to be necessary.

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Application having been filed as above-entitled; and the Commission now being of the opinion, and hereby finding, that public convenience and necessity so require:

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it hereby is granted to Lee Richardson and Alice A. Richardson, co-partners doing business as Richardson Springs Stage Line, authorizing the extension of their existing passenger stage service, now conducted between Chico and Richardson Springs, to Chico Basic Flying School, as an intermediate point, which said service shall be consolidated with applicants' present service.

Said certificate is granted subject to the following condition:

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Lee Richardson and Alice A. Richardson, their successors or assigns, may never claim before this Commission, or any court or other public body, a value for the authority hereby granted in excess of the actual cost thereof.

(2) That in the operation of a passenger stage service pursuant to the foregoing certificate, the following service regulations shall be observed:

- 1. Applicants shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the effective date hereof.
- 2. Applicants shall comply with the provisions of General Order No. 79, and Part IV of General Order No. 93-A, by filing, in triplicate, and concurrently making effective tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission within thirty (30) days from the effective date hereof, and on not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and the public.
- 3. Subject to the authority of this Commission to modify them at any time by further order, applicants shall conduct said passenger stage service over and along the following route:

From Chico via U. S. Highway No. 99E to the junction with the county road known as Richardson Springs Road; thence via Richardson Springs Road to Richardson Springs. Returning via the same route.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19^{4} day of

[.] May, 1942.

COMMISSIONERS