

Decision No. 38310

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 JAMES R. PROPER, doing business as)
 LOS ANGELES-TRONA STAGES, for author-)
 ity to reroute and extend his motor) Application No. 25294
 coach lines; to transport express) Amended 4th Supplemental
 shipments; and for an in lieu certifi-)
 cate.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION ON AMENDED FOURTH
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

ORIGINAL

This is an amended supplemental application of James R. Proper, doing business as Los Angeles-Trona Stages; to reroute his passenger stage service between Los Angeles and Trona.

Applicant presently operates a service for the transportation of passengers, baggage, and shipments of express weighing not in excess of 100 pounds, between Los Angeles and Trona, via Mojave, Beecher's Corners and West End. He also holds a certificate authorizing operation between the same termini via San Bernardino and Adelanto.

The application seeks authority to reroute the service hereinabove described, so as to permit operation on each route from Red Mountain, either via Randsburg, Johannesburg, and Ridgecrest, or, as an alternate, via Midway, Johannesburg, and Ridgecrest. It is proposed to abandon those portions of the present routes between Midway and a point approximately seven miles south of West End.

The alternate routes between Red Mountain and Ridgecrest are proposed in order to eliminate the extra mileage involved in

going to Randsburg in the event that on certain trips there may be no pickups or discharges at Randsburg. The restrictions prescribed in the present operation are not changed or modified in any way.

The application alleges that the town of Ridgecrest has a population of approximately 3,500 persons who, under the proposed rerouting, will be enabled to travel direct between Ridgecrest and Los Angeles. Approximately fifty of this number are employees of the American Potash and Chemical Corporation at Trona with no present means of traveling between their homes and place of employment except by private automobile. The additional mileage involved in the proposed rerouting is about nine miles. It is further alleged by applicant that the portion of the present route which it proposes to abandon, that is, between Midway and a point approximately seven miles south of West End, is desert country with no need for transportation of any kind. No public carriers will be affected by the proposed rerouting. Inland Stages filed a protest against the application as originally drawn, because of its service now operated to the Inyo-Kern Naval Installation slightly to the west of the proposed route, but such protest was withdrawn in view of the amendment to the application.

Attached to the application are exhibits setting forth the fares and time schedules proposed to be placed in effect under the rerouting and abandonment plan.

It appears to us that the proposed change in operation is in the public interest and that the application should be granted. It will be so ordered. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Application having been made in the above-entitled matter and the Commission being duly advised,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That that portion of the first ordering paragraph appearing on sheet four of Decision No. 35970, dated November 18, 1942, and beginning with the word "between" on line seven and continuing through said ordering paragraph to and including the words "West End" on line thirteen, shall be deleted and the following shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

"(a) Between Los Angeles and Trona and intermediate points via Palmdale, Mojave and Beecher's Corners; and
(b) Between San Bernardino and Trona and intermediate points via Cajon, Adelanto and Beecher's Corners."

(2) That paragraph three of the service regulations appearing on sheet five of said Decision No. 35970 shall be deleted and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

"3. Applicant shall conduct said passenger stage service over and along the following routes, subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify them at any time by further order:

Between Los Angeles and Beecher's Corners over U.S. Highways Nos. 99, 6 and 466 via San Fernando, Lancaster, Mojave and Muroc Junction. Between San Bernardino and Johannesburg over U.S. Highway No. 395 via Adelanto, Beecher's Corners, Red Mountain and Midway. Between Johannesburg and Trona over U.S. Highway No. 395 and County Roads via Ridgecrest and West End. Also between Red Mountain and Johannesburg over County Roads via Randsburg."

(3) That applicant shall, within 60 days from the effective date hereof and on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and the public, establish the service herein authorized and 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, appropriate tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.

(4) That in all other respects said Decision No. 35970 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of October, 1945.

David Paulson
Justice F. Craven
Walter D. ...
James H. ...
COMMISSIONERS