

Decision No. 35426

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL )  
 PARKS CO., a corporation, for an )  
 order authorizing the abandonment of )  
 service at Exeter, California, in )  
 connection with operations conducted )  
 between Visalia, California, and )  
 Giant Forest. )

Application No. 27764

O P I N I O N

The applicant herein operates an automotive service for the transportation of passengers, as a common carrier, generally, between Fresno and Visalia; on the one hand, and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks on the other hand<sup>(1)</sup>. By Decision No. 35450, dated June 5, 1942, applicant was authorized to render one-way service from Visalia and Exeter, on the one hand, to Ash Mountain on the other. Said decision also authorized the suspension of all service theretofore authorized except round trip service between Visalia and Exeter, on the one hand, and Giant Forest on the other hand, because of then existing war conditions. Such suspended service was resumed during the 1946 season.

In this application, request is made to eliminate Exeter from the Visalia-Ash Mountain operation, for the following reasons:

At one time Exeter was the terminus of applicant's route chiefly because the Southern Pacific Company ran overnight Pullman service to this point, both from Los Angeles and San Francisco. Exeter is no longer such terminus and both rail lines have discontinued Pullman service at that point. As a result no passengers are picked up or discharged

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(1) Decision No. 27785, dated March 4, 1935, in Application No. 19834.

at Exeter(2). In addition to the cost of operation to that point, approximately 20 minutes in travel time is lost.

The Exeter Chamber of Commerce has filed written approval of such abandonment, and the application states that the Superintendents of the Parks served by applicant have likewise recorded their approval.

It appears that public convenience and necessity do not require the continued operation to and from Exeter, and the authority for abandonment as hereinabove described will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that paragraph 3-4 of the order in Decision No. 35450, reading as follows:

"3-4. One-way service from Visalia and Exeter, on the one hand, to Ash Mountain, the boundary line of Sequoia National Park, on the other; and one-way service from General Grant National Park to Fresno, serving no intermediate points on either operation."

be deleted from said order and that it be superseded by the following paragraph:

"3-4. One-way service from Visalia, on the one hand, to Ash Mountain, the boundary line of Sequoia National Park, on the other, and one-way service from General Grant National Park to Fresno, serving no intermediate points on either operation."

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(2) The records of applicant show that only one passenger has been picked up at the point of Exeter since 1941.

In all other respects Decision No. 35450 shall remain  
in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this: 24<sup>th</sup>  
day of September, 1946.

Harold A. Hule  
Justice J. Calmes  
John A. Powell  
A. E. Johnson  
COMMISSIONERS