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Decision No. 41610

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
BRUCE W. ROBB, doing business as)
TASSAJARA HOT SPRINGS STAGE to suspend)
service for the transportation of)
passengers, baggage and express between)
Salinas and Tassajara Hot Springs.)

Application No. 25629 4th Supplemental

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION

Bruce W. Robb, by the above entitled application, seeks authority to suspend operations as a passenger stage corporation between Salinas and Tassajara Hot Springs during the 1948 season.

The operative rights under consideration were acquired by Mr. Robb from the Tassajara Hot Springs Company pursuant to Decision No. 25928 in Application No. 18849 dated May 8, 1933. Authority was granted thereby to transport passengers, baggage and express between Salinas and the Springs during the summer season of each year.

Pursuant to applicant's request therefor several seasonal suspensions of service have been authorized. The most recent was granted by Decision No. 40383 in Application No. 25629, Third Supplemental, for the 1947 season. The Commission when granting such suspension said that if service was not reestablished by May 1, 1948 steps would be taken to revoke the operative rights in question. Having such declaration in mind the Commission corresponded with applicant's attorneys. They advised that Tassajara Hot Springs, which is owned by the Estate of Ralph E. Myers, deceased, is expected to be sold within the next few months "and in all probability the Springs will re-open for the 1949 season."

Continued suspensions of service should not be permitted unless properly justified. Here no service is necessary unless the Springs are in operation. The public will not be adversely affected by allowing a suspension for the 1948 season. The possibility that Tassajara Hot Springs may reopen in 1949 and the consequent need for applicant's service, justifies the Commission in keeping the operative authority alive.

This is not a matter which requires a public hearing. The application will be granted.

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Bruce W. Robb is hereby authorized to suspend operations of the passenger stage service between Salinas 20926? and Tassajara Hot Springs authorized by Decision No. 25298 in Application No. 18849, until May 1, 1949.

The effective date of this order shall be 20 days from the date hereof.

Dated at <u>Nanthancisco</u>, California, this 18—

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