

Decision No. 48690**ORIGINAL**

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of ELMER C. GARDNER, )  
 doing business as PETROLIA STAGE, ) Application No. 34302  
 for authority to abandon service )  
 between Honeydew and South Fork. )

O P I N I O N

By Decision No. 32821 issued on February 20, 1940, a certificate of public convenience and necessity was granted to Elmer C. Gardner doing business as Petrolia Stage for the transportation of property, baggage and freight between South Fork and Ferndale and intermediate points via Upper Mattole and Petrolia, Humboldt County. (1)

In the instant application authority is sought to abandon operation over that portion of the route extending between Honeydew and South Fork and applicant submits the following data in support of such application:

(1)	Average cost per month for the operation between Honeydew and South Fork . . . . .	\$169.00
(2)	Average monthly revenue from above operation aside from U. S. Mail contract heretofore held by applicant . . . . .	7.00
(3)	Total of such revenue in month of March, 1953	7.51
	Total of such revenue in month of February, 1953	6.33
(4)	Number of passengers carried during month of March, 1953	2
	Number of passengers carried during month of February, 1953	1

Prior to March 31, 1953, applicant held a contract to carry U. S. Mail over said route which contract paid to applicant the

(1) Decision No. 32870, subsequently issued, ordered that the name Upper Mattole where such name appeared in Line 8 on Sheet 3 of Decision No. 32821, dated February 20, 1940, be deleted therefrom and that the point of Ferndale be substituted in lieu thereof.

monthly sum of \$155.00. However, this contract was cancelled by the government as of March 31, 1953.

In view of the facts as set forth in this application it appears that abandonment of said portion of the route between Honeydew and South Fork is fully justified and should be approved by the Commission and that will be the order herein. There is no necessity for a public hearing.

O R D E R

Application as above-entitled having been made, the Commission being fully advised and finding that the requested relief should be granted,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Elmer C. Gardner is hereby authorized to abandon and discontinue passenger stage and highway common carrier operations between Honeydew and South Fork and intermediate points, after the effective date hereof, provided that a minimum of five days' notice to the public of discontinuance of such service be made by posting said notice in all vehicles operating between Honeydew and South Fork.

(2) That the operative rights between Honeydew and South Fork and intermediate points as created by Decision No. 32821 are hereby revoked and annulled.

(3) That within 60 days after the effective date hereof and upon not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall file in triplicate and concurrently make effective tariffs and timetables satisfactory to the Commission.

(4) That in all other respects, Decision No. 32821, as amended by Decision No. 32870, shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1953.

A. J. [Signature]  
President  
Justice D. [Signature]  
Harold P. [Signature]  
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Commissioners