

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57518

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of George E. Trask for confirmation of transfer of automobile passenger stage line operated between Sonora and Columbia, Tuolumne County, California.)))))	Application No. 19483
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In the Matter of the Application of Columbia Stage Line for authority to charge a tariff rate of a minimum of 25¢ per package and 20¢ per one hundred pounds for transportation of freight between Sonora and Columbia, Tuolumne County, California.))))))	Application No. 25486
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SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 27172 dated June 25, 1934, in Application No. 19483, George E. Trask, doing business as Columbia Stage Line, was authorized to acquire a prescriptive operative right to transport passengers and freight between Sonora and Columbia. The operations were being conducted by his father, George M. Trask, prior to May 1, 1917, pursuant to tariffs on file with the Commission. The freight operations were subsequently limited to shipments not exceeding 250 pounds by Decision No. 36203 dated March 9, 1943, in Application No. 25486.

George E. Trask, by letter, has requested that he be authorized to discontinue the hauling of freight between Sonora and Columbia. He does not wish to abandon transportation of passengers. His quarterly report of gross operating revenue for the period ending June 30, 1958, bears the notation: "Last quarter I discontinued hauling freight." He reported freight revenues of \$21.00 for 1957 and \$3.00 for the first six months of 1958.

In the circumstances, the freight operations of George E. Trask will be revoked. Inasmuch as Trask's Columbia Stage Line operations have not been defined heretofore by the Commission, and in the interest of clarity, an in-lieu certificate authorizing the

transportation of passengers between Sonora and Columbia will be granted and all previous operative rights held by George E. Trask will be revoked.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That the prescriptive operative rights authorizing the transportation of passengers and freight between Sonora and Columbia acquired by George E. Trask under authority of Decision No. 27172 dated June 25, 1934, in Application No. 19483 as amended by Decision No. 36203 dated March 9, 1943, in Application No. 25486, is hereby revoked and Local Freight Tariff, C.R.C. No. 1, in the name of George E. Trask, doing business as Columbia Stage Line, is hereby canceled.

(2) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to George E. Trask, doing business as Columbia Stage Line, authorizing the operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as that term is defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of passengers between Sonora and Columbia and intermediate points.

(3) That within thirty days after the effective date hereof, George E. Trask shall file a written acceptance of the certificate granted in paragraph (2) hereof. By accepting the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted, he is placed on notice that he will be required, among other things, to file annual reports of his operations and to comply with and observe the safety rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order No. 98. Failure to file such reports, in such form and at such time as the Commission may direct, or to comply with and observe the provisions of General Order No. 98, may result in a cancellation of the operating authority granted by this decision.

(4) The Secretary of the Commission is hereby directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be served upon George E. Trask, doing business as Columbia Stage Line, in the manner prescribed by law.

(5) The effective date of this order shall be the twentieth day after lawful service upon George E. Trask unless before such effective date George E. Trask shall have filed with this Commission a written response to this order denying the facts set forth herein and requesting a public hearing thereon, in which event the effective date of this order shall be stayed until a hearing is held and a further order is issued.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of October, 1958.

E. L. Fox
President
John E. Mitchell
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Theodore Jenner
Commissioners