

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
JAMES T. HAWKINS for certificate of)
public convenience and necessity to)
operate an automobile freight, pass-)
enger, express and baggage service)
between Nipton, San Bernardino County,) Application No. 10310
California, and Nevada State Line, on)
the Hipton-Searchlight Route.)

R.F. McNamee, for Applicant
Robert E. Abbott, for
E.B. Brown, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In Application No. 10310, James T. Hawkins has made application to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate an automobile freight, passenger, express and baggage service between Nipton, San Bernardino County, and the Nevada-California state line.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Williams at Los Angeles.

Applicant Hawkins is now conducting passenger and freight service between Searchlight, Nevada, and Hipton, California, and also between Searchlight and El Dorado valley, east of Searchlight, in connection with the carrying

of United States mails, for which he has a contract. Nipton, California, is a station on the Union Pacific Railroad three miles west of the California-Nevada state line. Since rail service into Searchlight via Barnwell branch of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway has been discontinued, all freight and passengers for Searchlight are deposited at Nipton, and the service of applicant is the only scheduled public service operated between Nipton and Searchlight. Applicant is provided with permits under the Nevada state law, to the California-Nevada state line. The service he is conducting was previously maintained by Cashman Brothers.

Applicant proposes a fare between termini of \$4.00 in each direction, the distance being twenty-two miles. No reduction is made for a round trip. Freight or express is to be transported at a rate of one-half cent per pound, in either direction, minimum charge fifty cents (\$.50). A rate of thirty seven and one half cents (\$.37½) per hundred pounds is proposed for freight in lots of five tons or more. Service is to be three times weekly, leaving Nipton on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 12:30 noon, and leaving Searchlight Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 P. M. Applicant has arrangements with Harry Trehearne, postmaster at Nipton, for the receipt and custody of freight between operating schedules.

Opposition to the certificate sought was made in behalf of E. B. Brown, operating a freight service between Needles, California, and Las Vegas, Nevada, but upon the statement of applicant that he intended and would conduct no

transportation service between Needles and Nipton, the opposition was withdrawn.

While the passenger traffic and volume of tonnage indicated are neither large, the service proposed is one that should be considered separate from applicant's contract to carry United States mails, and we believe the application should be granted upon the showing made, without restriction to the termination of applicant's contract with the United States Government for the transportation of mails, it being the only service provided for the transportation of persons and property from the Union Pacific Railroad station to Searchlight.

Upon the record herein, we are of the opinion, and hereby find as a fact, that the service proposed by applicant herein is required by public necessity and that a certificate therefor should be granted him.

O R D E R

James T. Hawkins having made application to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate an automobile freight, passenger, express and baggage service between Nipton, California, and the California-Nevada state line, a public hearing having

been held, and the matter having been duly submitted,
and now being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity
require the operation by James T. Hawkins of automobile
freight, passenger, express and baggage service, between
Nipton, San Bernardino County, California and the Nevada
State Line, toward Searchlight, over and along the
following route:

Via main county highway between
Nipton and the California state line;

and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public
convenience and necessity therefor be, and the same
hereby is, granted, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) That applicant shall file within
fifteen (15) days from date hereof, his
written acceptance of the certificate
herein granted, and shall file within
thirty (30) days of the date hereof,
duplicate tariff of rates and time
schedules, identical with rates and
time schedules submitted with the
application, in accordance with General
Order No. 51 of the Railroad Commis-
sion, shall begin service within
sixty (60) days from date hereof.
- (2) That applicant shall not sell, lease,
assign or discontinue the service
herein authorized, unless such sale,
lease, assignment, or discontinuance
shall have been authorized by the
Railroad Commission.

(III) That no vehicle shall be operated by applicant unless such vehicles are owned by said applicant, or are leased under an agreement satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th
day of October 1924.

C. L. Leavy

H. R. Brundage

Irving Martin

Egerton Shaw

L. T. Whittier

Commissioners.