

Decision No. 14902

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of )  
SECURITY VAN & STORAGE COMPANY, INC., )  
for an order of public convenience ) Application No. 10305  
and necessity. )

Richard T. Eddy for Rice Transportation Company,  
Protestant,  
E. W. Kidd for Service Motor Express, Protestant,  
Forest A. Betts for Pacific Electric Railway  
Company, Protestant,  
T. A. Woods for American Railway Express Company,  
Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION -

O P I N I O N

Security Van & Storage Company, Inc., a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by it of an automobile truck line as a common carrier of property between Los Angeles and Venice, Ocean Park, Santa Monica and intermediate points.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Handford at Los Angeles on May 4, 1925, at which time the matter was duly submitted and it is now ready for decision.

Although notice of hearing on this proceeding was duly mailed to applicant, to its counsel and to other transportation companies operating in the territory herein proposed to be served by applicant, there was no appearance entered at the hearing by or on behalf of applicant.

The granting of the desired certificate is protested by Rice Transportation Company, Service Motor Express, Pacific Electric Railway Company and American Railway Express.

Witnesses for protestants testified as to the existing rates, service and ability of established carriers to satisfactorily care for all business now offering for movement in the territory, proposed to be served by applicant. Exhibits were also filed from which it appears that authorized truck lines offer 13 round trips daily, except Sunday; that a daily, except Sunday, freight service is available over the line of the Pacific Electric Railway Company; that but 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of the available truck capacity is now being used in caring for the business now moving by the lines of authorized truck carriers; and that a considerable number of Los Angeles wholesalers and jobbers operate their own vehicles in distributing their products to customers in the Santa Monica Bay District.

From the evidence and exhibits herein it is apparent that the business in territory herein proposed to be served by applicant is already being satisfactorily cared for by authorized carriers, both rail and truck, and that no complaint exists as to rates, service or facilities as offered by the existing authorized carriers. It is also of record that a much larger tonnage could be handled by existing carriers without any increase in the equipment now being operated in protection of regular schedules, and further that protestants are able and willing to place additional equipment in service if the necessities of traffic should demand.

We are of the opinion and hereby find as a fact that no additional service as herein sought by applicant over the proposed territory is required by public convenience and necessity. The application will be denied.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, the matter having been duly submitted, the Commission being now fully advised and basing its order on the finding of fact as appearing in the opinion which precedes this order,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require the operation of an automobile truck line as a common carrier of property between Los Angeles and Venice, Ocean Park and Santa Monica and intermediate points, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same hereby is denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1925.

H. R. Brundage  
C. Beatty  
Ernest Shore  
George D. Squires

COMMISSIONERS.