

Decision No. 15307

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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In the Matter of the Application of)
the Star and Crescent Boat Company)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity to operate Motor Launches)
for the transportation of freight for)
compensation between points upon the)
Inland Waters of the State of California.)

APPLICATION NO. 11270.

Ralph E. Jenney, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

The Star and Crescent Boat Company, a corporation, with its principal place of business at San Diego, California, applies under the provisions of paragraph (d), section 50, of the Public Utilities Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the operation by it of vessels for the transportation of freight of all kinds between any wharf or point on the shores of San Diego Bay and the vessels in San Diego Bay; also between vessels when at anchor in the Bay.

A public hearing was held at San Diego July 23, 1925 before Examiner Geary and the matter having been duly submitted is now ready for a decision.

The freight rates and charges proposed by applicant

are 20 cents per 100 pounds on shipments of more than 4000 pounds and 25 cents per 100 pounds on shipments of 4000 pounds or less, subject to a minimum charge of 50 cents.

By Decision No.14876 May 1,1925, in Application No.10976, the record of which by stipulation was made a part of this proceeding, this Commission granted applicant a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate motor launches for the transportation of persons, for compensation, between points upon the Bay of San Diego.

At the hearing in Application No.10976 a motion was made to amend the application for the purpose of securing a certificate authorizing the transportation of property for compensation, but since under the provisions of paragraph (d), section 50, of the Public Utilities Act, a certificate cannot be issued for the operation of any vessels between points exclusively on the inland waters of this State without a formal application and after a public hearing, it became necessary for applicant to file this new and separate application. The testimony indicates that the service proposed is largely in the nature of a convenience to the shipping interests, that the freight available is very limited and that no regular schedules can be maintained. The service to be given will be in response to calls and is practically a continuation of that rendered for many years past by applicant's predecessor and is being furnished simply as an accommodation in connection with the passenger service authorized by our Decision in Application No.10976, supra.

The equipment to be employed consists of five launches and four barges. The launches have a capacity varying from 8 to 14 tons and the barges a combined capacity of 320 tons.

The history of the corporation and its financial ability are discussed in our Decision No.14876, hence it will be unnecessary to here again deal with those phases of the situation.

Upon consideration of the record in this proceeding we are of the opinion and find as a fact that public convenience and necessity require the establishment of service by vessels for the transportation of property, for compensation, on the Bay of San Diego, as set forth in the application, and that a certificate should be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, the case having been submitted and now being ready for a decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by the Star and Crescent Boat Company, a corporation, of vessels for the transportation of freight, for compensation, between any wharf or point on the shores of San Diego Bay and vessels in the Bay of San Diego, and also between vessels anchored in the Bay of San Diego.

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

That applicant shall file tariff, within twenty (20) days from the date hereof, published according to the rules of this Commission, setting forth the rates, rules and regulations governing the transportation of property, which shall be those set forth in Exhibit "B", attached to the application and made a part thereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of August, 1925.

P. C. C. C.
George D. Squires
Leon Whitlock
Commissioners.