

Decision No. 15320

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
Erikson Navigation Company, for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity to Operate Vessels on)
the Inland Waters of the State of)
California to Encinal Terminals,)
Alameda, and other points on San)
Francisco Bay.)

APPLICATION NO. 11324

H.H. Sanborn, for Applicant.

Benjamin Walters, for Island Transportation Company
and Vehmeyer Transportation Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by the Erikson Navigation Company, a corporation, under the provisions of Section 50(d) of the Public Utilities Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the operation of vessels on the inland waters of the State of California between points located on the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and on San Francisco Bay and tributaries thereto on the one hand, and the Encinal Terminal wharves, located in the city of Alameda, on the Oakland Estuary, on the other hand; also to handle freight not otherwise specified between all points on the San Francisco Bay and its tributaries.

where applicant now handles only specific commodities.

The petition sets forth that applicant now has on file its Freight Tariff No.1, C.R.C. No.1, and Supplements thereto, issued June 20,1924, effective June 21,1924, which tariff includes rates between Sacramento-San Joaquin River points and the San Francisco Bay points to Oakland and that it proposes to assess the same rates to the Emcinal Terminals,Alameda as now in effect to and from the city of Oakland.

The application further recites:

"That there has recently been constructed and opened for operation, a large terminal known as Emcinal Terminals located in the Oakland Estuary,Alameda,California, and applicant has been requested to serve said terminal, and deliver freight thereto,from points covered by its tariff hereinabove in Paragraph II set forth.

"That applicant is informed and believes by reason of the construction of said terminals, a large amount of freight will be offered applicant for transportation thereto, which has heretofore moved to other terminals and destinations, and it is in the interest of public convenience and necessity that applicant be in a position to make deliveries of such freight to Emcinal Terminals whenever desired by shippers."

A public hearing was held at San Francisco August 14 before Examiner Geary and the application having been submitted is now ready for an opinion and order.

Applicant, under the tariff now in effect, carries freight under specific commodity rates to Alameda, the principal commodities being cement, coal, coke, grain, hay, straw and lumber. The granting of this application will merely permit the carrying of all commodities to Alameda, as set forth in the tariff on file now

applying only to Oakland, and will likewise permit the handling of all freight between San Francisco Bay points by the amending of Item No. 19 of Tariff C.R.C. No. 1 to provide that rate of \$1.80 per ton on freight n.o.s. will also apply between San Francisco and Alviso, Redwood City, Mare Island and the intermediate points.

A witness on behalf of the Vehmeyer Transportation Company and Island Transportation Company withdrew opposition to the adjustment when applicant stipulated the proposed changes would not break down the present rates and that specific commodity rates would be established if necessary to maintain the rate levels.

The applicant owns and operates a fleet of vessels and secured its operative rights under Application No. 10001, Decision No. 13566, May 17, 1924. These operations are a continuation of those formerly conducted by John Erikson, deceased, and the service has been rendered by this organization for a great many years past. There was no opposition to the granting of the application.

We are of the opinion and find as a fact that public convenience and necessity require the establishment by this applicant of a service between the landings on the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and tributaries and San Francisco Bay points on the one hand, and the Encinal Terminals in the city of Alameda, located on the Oakland Estuary on the other, and also between the San Francisco Bay points, as set forth in the application, and that a certificate should be granted.

In issuing this authority the Commission does not authorize or enlarge any of the operating privileges of applicant except to the extent of the service to Encinal Terminals in Alameda and between the San Francisco Bay points.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, the application 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 Erikson Navigation Company, a corporation, of vessels for the transportation of property, for compensation, on the inland waters of the State of California between points located on the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and tributaries and points on the San Francisco Bay on the one hand and the Encinal Terminal wharves located in the city of Alameda, on the Oakland Estuary, on the other hand. Also to handle freight, not otherwise specified, between San Francisco Bay points and Alviso, Redwood City, Mare Island and the intermediate points. The operations between the points herein authorized are all located within the territory now being served by applicant, as described in its Local Freight Tariff No. 1, C.R.C. No. 1.

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 the applicant shall publish rates, as set forth in the application, in proper tariffs and in the manner prescribed by section 14(a) of the Public Utilities Act.

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

C. S. Sawyer

George D. Squires

Leon A. Whitall
Commissioners.