

Decision No. 16548

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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In the Matter of the Application of  
Hunt-Hatch & Company, a corporation,  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience  
and Necessity to Operate Vessels for  
the Transportation of Property for  
Compensation between points on the  
Inland Waters of the State of California.)

**ORIGINAL**  
APPLICATION NO. 32741

Sanborn & Roehl and DeLancey C. Smith, by A.B. Roehl,  
for Applicant,

H.M. Wade and Gwyn H. Baker, for Berkeley Transportation  
Company; Bay Cities Transportation Company; E.V. Rideout  
Company; Harbor Tug & Barge Company; Richmond Naviga-  
tion and Improvement Company; San Rafael Freight &  
Transfer Company; Ayres-Whiteside Transportation  
Company and Erikson Navigation Company,

Benjamin J. Walters, for Island Transportation Company,  
L.H. Rodebaugh, for San Francisco-Sacramento Railroad.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by Hunt-Hatch & Company, a corporation, under the provisions of paragraph (d), section 50, of the Public Utilities Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the operation of vessels for the transportation of property, for compensation, between Berkeley on the one hand and on the other points on the Sacramento, San Joaquin, Mokelumne, Old and Middle Rivers and the tributaries thereof.

The petition shows that applicant now owns and operates a fleet of vessels for the transportation of property between

landings on the Sacramento, San Joaquin, Mokelumne, Old and Middle Rivers and the tributaries thereof, and Oakland, Alameda and other points in the Oakland estuary under rates contained in its Transportation Department Local Freight Tariff No.7, C.R.C. No.39.

The freight rates and charges to be assessed for the transportation of freight from and to Berkeley will be the same as those now in effect from or to Oakland.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Geary at San Francisco April 20, 1926 and the application having been duly submitted is now ready for a decision.

Applicant has conducted a common carrier service on the inland waters of California for a number of years, handling principally products of the farm. The testimony indicates that due to the growth and development of the city of Berkeley and the territory adjacent thereto, a demand has been made by shippers, principally commission merchants handling farm products, for a more direct service from and to Berkeley. At the present time Berkeley shippers wishing to utilize applicant's service are compelled to dray the freight from or to Oakland. It is alleged that the proposed direct service will meet a public convenience and necessity by enabling merchants at Berkeley to receive products early in the morning and thus avoid the long hauls from and to Oakland.

Upon consideration of all the facts of record, we are of the opinion and find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment of this service between Berkeley on the one hand and on the other points on the Sacramento, San Joaquin, Mokelumne, Old and Middle Rivers and tributaries thereof, as set

forth in the petition 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 duly submitted and now ready for a decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by applicant, Hunt-Hatch & Company, a corporation, of vessels for the transportation of property, for compensation, upon the inland waters of the State of California between Berkeley on the one hand and on the other points on the Sacramento, San Joaquin, Mokelumne, Old and Middle Rivers and the tributaries thereof.

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

Applicant shall file tariffs according to the rules of this Commission setting forth the rates, rules and regulations governing the transportation of property which shall be those now in effect between points on the Sacramento, San Joaquin, Mokelumne, Old and Middle Rivers and tributaries thereof on the one hand, and Oakland on the other, as set forth in Hunt-Hatch & Company's Transportation Department Local Freight Tariff No.7, C.R.C.No.39.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 1926.

*H. B. ...*  
*Chairman*  
*Commissioners*