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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of  
W. O. RUDDICK for certificate of pub-  
lic convenience and necessity to op-  
erate Motor truck service between Upper  
Lake, Clover Valley, Middle Creek Val-  
ley, Bachelor Valley, Blue Lakes, and  
Ukiah. ) Application No. 11633

Benjamin C. Jones, for the Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

By his application, as amended, W. O. Ruddick, has ap-  
plied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity,  
authorizing the operation of an automotive truck service for  
the transportation of farm products over the public highway  
from Ukiah, Mendocino County, to Upper Lake, Lake County, and  
from Upper Lake over the public highway leading to the Rasmussen  
Ranch on the East Lake road; from Upper Lake over the public  
highway leading to the Elliott ranch on the Clover Creek road;  
over the public highway leading from Upper Lake to the McCabe  
ranch on the Middle Creek road, the same being the road from  
Upper Lake to Elk Mountain, also on the public highway extend-  
ing through Bachelor Valley. Applicant does not desire to  
operate between Ukiah and the town of Upper Lake itself, pro-  
posing only to serve farms along the roads mentioned. A bi-  
weekly service will be conducted, connecting with the express

train leaving Ukiah in the afternoon for the south, using as equipment one 1-1/2 ton Ford truck, and operating under a rate schedule accompanying the application.

A public hearing was held at Lakeport before Examiner Austin on February 17, 1926, when evidence was offered, the matter was duly submitted and it is now ready for decision.

At the outset the granting of this application was protested by J. R. Martin and Charles Kuppinger, but both withdrew their protests.

Applicant testified that Ukiah, the nearest rail point to Lakeport, is a shipping point for dairy and farm products marketed in Petaluma and San Francisco. Along the routes described in the application are from 40 to 60 farms which he will serve, handling cream, slaughtered veal, eggs, walnuts, alfalfa seed and other farm products to Ukiah, and returning with groceries, poultry feed and light repair parts, for farm machinery. He expects to haul full loads, averaging 2300 pounds per trip, using one Ford truck and such other equipment as necessary. He stated no other similar service can be afforded the farmers along this route.

Applicant called two farmers near Upper Lake, both of whom stated they would patronize applicant's service, having used it in the past and found it satisfactory. Their shipments are quite substantial.

The record indicates a need for the proposed service, accordingly a certificate will be granted.

Upon full consideration of the evidence, we are of the opinion and hereby find as a fact that public convenience and necessity require the operation by W. O. Ruddick of an automotive truck service for the transportation of farm and dairy

products and fresh meat from farms situated near Upper Lake to Ukiah, and for the transportation of groceries, poultry feed and repair parts for farm machinery from Ukiah to said farms, over and along the following route, viz.: over the state highway from Ukiah to Upper Lake, and thence over the following described public highways, originating at Upper Lake and serving all farms situated on and along said roads, to-wit:- the public highway leading to the Rasmussen Ranch on the East Lake road; the public highway leading to the Elliott ranch on the Clover Creek road; the public highway leading to the McCabe ranch on the Middle Creek road, the same being the road from Upper Lake to Elk Mountain; and the public highway extending through Bachelor Valley.

An order will be entered accordingly.

#### O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled application, the matter having been duly submitted, the Commission being now fully advised, and basing its order on the findings of fact which appear in the opinion preceding this order,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require the operation by W. O. Ruddick of an automotive truck service for the transportation of farm and dairy products and fresh meat from farms situated near Upper Lake to Ukiah and for the transportation of groceries, poultry feed and repair parts for farm machinery from Ukiah to said farms, over and along the following route, viz.: over the state highway from Ukiah to Upper Lake, and thence over the following described public highways,

originating at Upper Lake and serving all farms situated on and along said roads, to-wit:- the public highway leading to the Rasmussen Ranch on the East Lake road; the public highway leading to the Elliott ranch on the Clover Creek road; the public highway leading to the McCabe ranch on the Middle Creek road, the same being the road from Upper Lake to Elk Mountain; and the public highway extending through Bachelor Valley.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same is hereby granted to said W. O. Ruddick for the operation of the service hereinabove described, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall file his written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed ten (10) days from date hereof; shall file, in duplicate, tariff of rates and time schedules within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from date hereof, such tariff of rates and time schedules to be identical with those attached to the application herein; and shall commence operation of said service within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from date hereof.

2. The rights and privileges herein authorized may not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment has first been secured.

3. No vehicle may be operated by applicant herein unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is leased by him under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

For all other purposes, except as hereinabove stated, the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of May, 1926.

W. O. Ruddick  
C. J. Seaver  
Edward J. St.  
Leon A. Hall

Commissioners.