

Decision No. 18096

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of RICHARDS TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSE COMPANY, a corporation, for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate freight truck service between Wilmington and San Pedro (Los Angeles Harbor) and Fullerton, Anaheim and Santa Ana and points shown in Exhibit "A" attached.

APPLICATION NO. 9631.

C. H. Tribbit, Jr., for Applicant.

Warren E. Libby and H. N. Blair, for Triangle-Orange County Express, Protestant.

L. C. Zimmerman, for Southern Pacific Railway, Protestant.

T. A. Woods, for American Railway Express, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Richards Trucking & Warehouse Company, a corporation, has made application to the Railroad Commission for authority to establish automotive service for the transportation of freight between Wilmington and San Pedro (Los Angeles harbor) and Anaheim, Fullerton and Santa Ana and intermediate points, via Anaheim Road and Garden Grove.

A public hearing herein was conducted by Examiner Williams at Los Angeles.

Applicant possesses operative rights between Los Angeles harbor and points named in the application, by way of Los Angeles, a distance of approximately 58 miles, and now proposes to operate a service via Anaheim Road and Garden Grove, thereby shortening the route approximately 30 miles. Applicant proposes to transport harbor consignments to and from Santa Ana by the new route, distributing over its existing routes to the points sought. The re-routing and shortening of distance are accompanied by a reduced schedule of rates for both classified freight and truck-capacity loads. Obviously, applicant intends to transport commodities from the harbor to Santa Ana, and, by redistributing to points west of Santa Ana, furnish back-haul business for trucks now operating between its Los Angeles terminal and Santa Ana. The reduced rates provided by applicant in its Exhibit "A" attached to the application confer a benefit upon shippers, ranging from 10 cents per 100 pounds to $37\frac{1}{2}$ cents per 100 pounds.

Applicant supported its application by the testimony of Thomas Richards, its president, and Henry Deussen, its traffic manager, and produced no other witnesses. The application is based upon an alleged re-routing, over a shorter route, of a service already authorized by this Commission between the points named, and the reductions in rates are intended to be economies for shippers now using applicant's service. Practically all of the points mentioned in the application are now served by protestants Triangle - Orange County Express and the Hodge Transportation System, by use of the same route as proposed by applicant herein. Protestant Triangle - Orange County Express

having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and now being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require the establishment and operation of service, as proposed by applicant herein, for the transportation of freight between Wilmington and San Pedro (Los Angeles harbor) and Fullerton, Anaheim and Santa Ana, and certain intermediate points, and

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

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of March 1927.

Ernest J. Smith
H. B. Rindge
W. J. Seaver
Leon A. White
Thos. R. R. R.
Commissioners.