Decision No. 18722

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of R. H. BEANLAND for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate an automobile truck service as a common carrier of freight between Stockton and Murphys.

Application No. 13665.



Louttit & Stewart, by Tom H. Louttit, and Gwyn H. Baker for Applicant.

W. S. Johnson for Southern Pacific Co., Protestant. Edward Stern for American Railway Express Co., Protestant. H. A. Butchart for Sierra Railway Co., Protestant. C. H. Epperson for Turner Lillie, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OBINION

R. H. Beanland has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by him of an antomobile truck service as a common carrier of freight between Stockton and Murphys, serving also Linden, Bellota, Valley Springs, San Andreas, Angels and Vallecito.

Applicant proposes to charge rates and to operate on a time schedule as set forth in exhibits "A" and "B" of said application and to use the equipment described in exhibit "C."

A public hearing on said application was conducted by Examiner Gannon at Stockton at which time the matter was submitted and is now ready for decision. Applicant appeared in his own behalf and testified that he had had eight years experience in the trucking business and that he is financially able to provide the proper equipment to maintain regular and dependable service over the proposed route. The evidence shows that four of the points, viz., Linden, Bellota, Valley Springs and Angels have rail service out of Stockton and passenger and express service between Stockton and Angels with stage service to Murphys during the summer months.

In support of the application there appeared several shippers from various points involved. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County favored the granting of the application, believing that it would greatly facilitate the shipping in of material and supplies to the county tubercular hospital now under construction at Murphys and to cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000. The president of a large meat company in Stockton testified that his firm shipped regularly into this territory, frequently in excess of 1000 lbs. in one shipment. Present stage service is unsatisfactory and witness expressed the belief that the proposed service is desirable. The testimony of the representative of a large wholesale produce and vegetable concern was equally emphatic in favor of the establishment of the proposed service.

Various merchants engaged in business at points east of Stockton and within the territory which the applicant desires to serve testified as to the necessity for the proposed service and of the inconvenience of trucking their merchandise from the rail lines to their places of business, in at least two instances as far as 17 miles. By far the greater portion of such tonnage originates in Stockton and the merchants who testified were unanimous in the opinion that service from that point would

be rendered more prompt and dependable by the establishment of the proposed service.

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Upon full consideration of the evidence presented at this proceeding we are of the opinion and hereby find as a fact that public convenience and necessity require the operation by R. H. Beanland of an automobile truck service for the transportation of freight between Stockton and Murphys and intermediate points.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled application, the matter having been duly submitted, the Commission now being fully advised, and basing its order on the statements set forth 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 R. H. Beanland of an automobile truck service between Stockton and Murphys and intermediate points, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same is hereby granted to R. H. Ewanland, subject to the conditions as hereinafter set forth:

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.

- 2. Applicant shall file, in duplicate, within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from the date hereof, tariff of rates and time schedules, such tariffs of rates and time schedules to be identical with those attached to the application herein, or rates and time schedules satisfactory to the Railroad Commission, and shall commence operation of said service within a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date hereof.
- 3. 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.
- 4. No vehicle may be operated by applicant herein unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is lessed by him under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this ______ day of August, 1927.

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Commissioners.