

Decision No. 20034.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
CHANDON BROS. for certificate of
public convenience and necessity to
operate freight service between Esparto,
Yolo County, California, and Sacramento,
California.

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Application No. 15170.

Caddis & McDonald, by C.C. McDonald for
Applicant.

W. S. Johnson for Southern Pacific Company
and American Railway Express Company,
Protestants.

J. C. Stone and L. I. McKim for Sacramento-
Northern Railway Company, Protestants.

A. H. Weston for Woodland-Rumsey Stage Co.,
Protestants.

W. L. Warner for Sacramento Auto Truck Co.,
Protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

J. L. Chandon and C. F. Chandon, as partners, seek a certificate for a freight auto truck service between Sacramento and Esparto, Madison being the only intermediate point at which service is proposed. Esparto and Madison are located on the Elmira-Rumsey line of the Southern Pacific Company about thirty eight miles west of Sacramento. These communities now have transportation by Southern Pacific, American Railway Express, and by the Woodland-Rumsey Auto Stage Line which operates in conjunction with the Sacramento-Northern

Railway. Each of these carriers protest the granting of the application.

Applicants propose a service which they claim will meet a demand particularly for the delivery in Esparto and Madison of such goods as local merchants may purchase from dealers in Sacramento. Trucks will leave Sacramento two days a week at 2:30 p.m., arriving in Esparto at 5:00 p.m. The rates proposed are about the same as those ^{now} charged by Southern Pacific Company. Southern Pacific freight shipments now leave Sacramento daily at 4:00 p.m. and arrive at Esparto at 10:40 a.m., and those by American Railway Express leave Sacramento daily at 8:15 a.m. and arrive at Esparto at 10:40 a.m. Stages carrying express arrive at 12 noon and 4:00 p.m. daily, giving customers about a four hour service from Sacramento.

Applicants have made no showing that the existing services are inadequate. Two of the larger merchants of Esparto testified that applicants have for some time been caring for their shipments from Sacramento and that the service rendered is a convenience to them, but the convenience consists largely in the personal service rendered in connection with the ordering and selection of goods at the wholesalers'. We are of the opinion that applicant's proposed service will meet no public need for transportation between the two points not already rendered by the existing carriers.

ORDER

A public hearing on the above entitled application having been held, the matter submitted and now being ready

for decision and basing its order on the findings of fact and conclusions contained in the foregoing opinion

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the said application of J. L. Chandon and C. F. Chandon be and the same is hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of December, 1928.

Leon Whitely

O. S. Sauer

Thos. S. Powell

W. A. Cunn
Commissioners.