

Decision No. 22062

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SAN RAFAEL FREIGHT & TRANSFER COMPANY
for an extension of its right to op-
erate vessels on the inland waters of
the State, to include Marin Meadows.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 16194

Gwyn H. Baker, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

San Rafael Freight & Transfer Company applies for authority to extend its existing rights as a water carrier between San Francisco and Sausalito, Belvedere, California City and San Rafael, to include a new point known as Marin Meadows, and to establish rates to such points.

A public hearing herein was conducted by Examiner Williams at San Francisco.

A. H. Marx, President of applicant company, testified that the service to be established to Marin Meadows is to make available for the United States Army water transportation from San Francisco, of construction material and supplies. The exact landing to be served by applicant is not clearly designated, but it will be a point on the tidewater slough entering Marin Meadows at a point between San Rafael and Novato. It is the purpose of the applicant to use whatever landing the United States Army selects, and this selection will depend upon future survey by the Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Gerald C. Brant of the United States Army Air Corps, testified that the United States Government now owns 1100 acres in Marin Meadows, and an appropriation is pending before Congress of five million dollars which is to be used in the establishment of a bombing base. This amount is to be expended for construction of barracks for five squadrons' headquarters, officers' quarters, storehouses, shops, etc. and the complete establishment will contain a population of approximately 1500 army men. He further testified that the Government has made arrangements with the Northwestern Pacific Railroad to build a spur to the establishment and to erect a depot, and has also made arrangements for truck transportation. The Army also requires water transportation, largely to avoid the necessity of careful packing of many commodities required in rail or truck transportation.

Applicant proposes a rate of 25¢, first class; 21¢ second class; 17½¢ third class, and 14½¢ fourth class. The new point to be established is approximately five miles north of San Rafael and the rates proposed are in excess of the rates now charged to San Rafael, which are 25¢, 20¢, 15¢ and 7¢. The higher rate is justified by applicant on the ground of the sparsity of business, but applicant indicated its intention to adjust the rates downward at any time the volume justifies.

The application was not protested, and it appears from the record that permission sought should be granted. An order will be entered accordingly.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above-entitled proceeding, the same 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 require
the operation by San Rafael Freight and Transfer Company of its
vessels for the transportation of property for compensation be-
tween all points now served by it on the one hand, and Marin
Meadows on the other; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public con-
venience and necessity therefor be, and the same hereby is grant-
ed to SAN RAFAEL FREIGHT AND TRANSFER COMPANY, subject to the fol-
lowing conditions:

Applicant shall file acceptance of the certificate herein
granted within a period of not to exceed ten (10) days from date
hereof, and shall file tariff of rates, according to the rules of
this Commission, setting forth the rates stated in this applica-
tion, which said rates are to be supplementary to its rates as now
filed in its local freight tariff No. 3-B, C.R.C. No. 5.

Applicant shall stipulate in its acceptance that this certi-
ficate is an extension and enlargement of its present operating
rights, and is not a new or separate certificated right.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of
January, 1930.

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Commissioners.