

Decision No. 22535.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
The Martinez-Benicia Ferry & Trans-
portation Company, a corporation,
for a certificate of public conven-
ience and necessity, to operate a
ferry over Carquinez Straits, between
the City of Martinez and the Town of
Benicia.

Application No. 16420.

Rodgers & Bray by A. F. Bray,
for Applicant.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application of the Martinez-Benicia Ferry and Transportation Company for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a ferry over Carquinez Strait between the City of Martinez and the Town of Benicia. A public hearing was held at San Francisco on May 31, 1930, before Examiner Satterwhite.

The Martinez-Benicia Ferry and Transportation Company has operated a ferry for the transportation of vehicles and passengers between the City of Martinez and the Town of Benicia since 1913 and during the last eight years the route has been identical with that covered in the application. No certificate for this operation has ever been issued by the Commission, although the applicant has been before the Commission in connection with other matters on other occasions. On October 7, 1929, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa passed Ordinance No. 196 granting a franchise to the applicant, covering

the operation for which a certificate is now requested. Applicant now comes before the Commission requesting authority to exercise the rights granted under this franchise.

Statistics filed at the hearing indicate that a substantial number of vehicles and passengers use this ferry annually, the figures for 1929 being 173,178 vehicles and 442,354 passengers, thereby indicating that there is a considerable public need for such a ferry. The annual reports of the applicant indicate that the operation has been a paying one. Under existing schedules, applicant operates on a thirty-minute headway on week days between the hours of 6:30 A.M. and 10:30 P.M. and provides such service on Sundays and holidays as the traffic may demand. It is proposed to continue operations under existing schedules and rates.

It is the opinion of the Commission that a certificate should be issued to applicant and an order will be entered accordingly.

O R D E R

The Martinez-Benicia Ferry and Transportation Company having applied to the Commission for authority to operate a ferry for the transportation of vehicles and passengers from the City of Martinez to the Town of Benicia on the inland waters of the State of California, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby issued to the Martinez-Benicia Ferry and Transportation Company to operate a ferry for the transportation of vehicles and passengers from the Municipal

Wharf in the City of Martinez over Carquinez Strait to the foot of Fifth Street in the Town of Benicia.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of June, 1930.

C. Scammy

W. S. Lattin

M. J. Linn

Commissioners.