

Decision No. 24654.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of WESTERN WAREHOUSE AND TRANSFER)
COMPANY for a Certificate of)
Public Convenience and Necessity,)
to operate a truck service as)
common carrier between the docks)
at San Pedro, Wilmington, Terminal)
Island and Long Beach, with Long)
Beach and Los Angeles.)

Application No. 18047.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Western Warehouse and Transfer Company herein seeks certificate of public convenience and necessity to conduct truck service as a common carrier between the docks at San Pedro, Wilmington, Terminal Island and Long Beach and the City of Los Angeles. Applicant proposes no time schedules. They propose but two rates between termini one of \$1.00 a ton between the Harbor region and the City of Los Angeles proper and a rate of \$1.60 a ton between the Harbor points and the Hollywood district. These divisions of the City of Los Angeles are set out in the application. Applicant proposes to use five trucks and four trailers and to follow various routes from the docks to Anaheim Boulevard and thence via Alameda Street to Los Angeles.

Applicant states that the certificate is only intended for its intrastate shipments and that of its entire volume 95 per cent are interstate shipments which it asserts will not be involved in certificated operation.

The Commission has given due consideration to the application presented and deems it unwise at this time to certificate additional carriers reaching Los Angeles at Los Angeles Harbor. There are now 27 certificated operations by motor vehicle between Harbor points and Los Angeles in addition to four rail carriers.

The Commission is aware of the distress in which all these carriers are now operating due to depressed volume of business, severe competition and in addition the competition of scores of so-called contract carriers who are operating below the rates established by the Commission for public transportation. If ever a point of saturation in transportation has been reached it is in the area between Los Angeles and Los Angeles Harbor and it is our opinion that no further certificate should be granted under the conditions. We therefore believe the order should be denied and that a public hearing thereon is unnecessary.

O R D E R

Western Warehouse and Transfer Company having made application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate truck service as a common carrier of property between the docks at San Pedro, Wilmington, Terminal Island and Long Beach with Long Beach and Los Angeles and this being a matter in which a public hearing is not deemed necessary,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require the establishment and operation of the service proposed herein by applicant; and

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of April, 1932.

W. J. Leary
Leon Whisely
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W. B. Davis
Fred G. Stebbins
COMMISSIONERS.