

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of
LEMUEL EUGENE SCHNEIDER for certi-
ficate of public convenience and ne-
cessity to operate truck service or
truck line service between Modesto,
California, and Oakland and San Fran-
cisco, California.

} Application No. 7520.

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Gwyn H. Baker, for applicant.

Arthur H. Roehl, for W. M. Huffman.

W. J. Quinn, for White Lines.

L. N. Bradshaw, for Southern Pacific Company.

W. T. Shattuck, for The Atchison, Topeka & Santa
Fe Railway Company.

Edward F. Stern, for American Railway Express Com-
pany.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

A public hearing was held by Examiner Westover at Oakland on the above entitled application to operate an auto-
motive truck service for the transportation of poultry, eggs,
and poultry products only, between Modesto and Oakland and
San Francisco, and for the transportation of fruit, vegetables,
and melons, in truck loads, between the said points during the
period June 15 to December 1 of each year. It is proposed to
pick up full truck loads of fruit and vegetables at points
within three miles of the state highway route traveled.

The occasion for filing the application is the fact
that applicant has tentatively contracted with the Poultry
Producers Association for the transportation of eggs from its

warehouse in Modesto to its warehouse in San Francisco, as a result of competitive bids for which the Association advertised. The proposed service would provide two trips per week, leaving Modesto on Mondays and Thursdays, about 5:00 p. m. and arriving in Oakland about midnight. Applicant would attempt to develop other egg and poultry business and make additional trips as demanded. The proposed service twice a week meets the present needs of the egg producers to be served, and appears to be considered by them as at least equally advantageous as a daily service. The Association estimates that its shipments will average 200 cases per trip from Modesto, the transportation of which would require about half of applicant's present capacity.

Applicant's proposed rate on eggs from Modesto to San Francisco is $37\frac{1}{2}$ cents per case, equal to about 75 cents per hundred, while the rates via the White Lines, operating trucks between Modesto and Stockton, and via boat from Stockton to San Francisco total 53 cents per hundred. This service is being used by the Farmers Union warehouse in Modesto with very satisfactory results. The eggs leave Modesto about 3:30 p. m. and arrive at the San Francisco docks about 6:00 a. m. The sales on the Exchange occur between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. It does not appear that the Association's complaints concerning breakage and mutilation of cases, flats and fillers by rail shipment would apply to transportation by truck and water.

It affirmatively appears from the testimony that the present lines have sufficient facilities and equipment for handling the egg traffic satisfactorily, and that there is no public need at present of additional service. Nearly all of the testimony related to egg shipments, and it was not shown that additional service is needed for the transportation of fruit and vegetables.

ORDER

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

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require the operation by Lemuel Eugene Schneider of an automotive truck service for the transportation of eggs or fruit or vegetables between Modesto and Oakland and San Francisco.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14
day of ^{April} ~~March~~, 1922.

H. H. Boudie

Dwight Masters
Charles H. Rouse

W. F. Jensen

Commissioners.