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## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
HODGE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, INC. for  
a certificate of public convenience  
and necessity and a temporary permit  
authorizing the operation of an auto-  
mobile truck freight service for the  
transportation of fresh fruits and  
vegetables to canneries located at  
Ontario, Riverside, Hemet, Elsinore  
and Fallbrook.

Application No. 7997

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and a temporary permit authorizing the operation of an automobile truck freight service, for the transportation of fresh fruits and vegetables for canning purposes only, to certain canneries located at Ontario, Riverside, Hemet, Elsinore and Fallbrook, during the canning season of 1922.

An informal investigation has heretofore been made by the Commission and a conference had on June 24, 1922, with representatives of a number of canning companies and growers operating in southern California, from which it appears that an emergency exists because of the lack of sufficient transportation facilities to carry fresh fruits and vegetables from orchards, farms and ranches to the canneries. The investigation indicated that the existing authorized carriers operating under Chapter 213, Statutes of 1917, as amended by Chapter 280, Statutes of 1919, will not, during the present season, be able to properly and immediately handle this traffic without risk

of serious loss or deterioration of the products. Under these circumstances, the Commission hereby finds that public convenience and necessity require the operation, under temporary permits, of an automobile truck freight service, and by such operators as the canneries or growers may find it necessary to employ, to properly handle the crops during the season of 1922.

Under the declaration of public convenience and necessity herein made, consideration will be given both to the application of the present applicant, and to all others who may, under similar conditions, apply for a temporary permit to operate in the fruit and vegetable districts of southern California during the ensuing season. Such applicants will be required to show that their operation is necessary to meet the needs of the growers and canneries in the territory proposed to be served, and that the rates under which they propose to operate are the same as those herein approved for the present applicant. Upon such showing duly made by application filed herein, a temporary permit will be issued.

#### ORDER

The RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that, by reason of an existing emergency due to the lack of sufficient transportation facilities to properly transport fresh fruits and vegetables to the various canneries in southern California during the canning season of 1922, public convenience and necessity require the operation, under a temporary permit, during the period from July 1, 1922, to October 31, 1922, inclusive, of an automobile truck freight service

by such persons as cannery operators or growers may find it necessary to employ, for the purpose of transporting to the canneries such fresh fruits and vegetables from orchards, farms and ranches located within a radius of twenty (20) miles of the canneries;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that, pursuant to the declaration of public convenience and necessity as above set forth, a temporary permit be, and the same is hereby granted to HODGE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, INC. for the operation of an automobile truck freight service during the period from July 1, 1922, to October 31, 1922, inclusive, for the transportation of fresh fruits and vegetables to canneries located at Ontario, Riverside, Hemet, Elsinore and Fallbrook from orchards, farms and ranches producing such fresh fruits and vegetables within a radius of not to exceed twenty (20) miles, respectively, such transportation to be performed at rates as specifically designated in the tariff of rates set forth as Exhibit "A" in the application of said Hodge Transportation System, Inc. filed herein, subject to the following modification:

In lieu of the rates therein stated for hauls of ten miles and under, the following rates shall be charged:

0 - 1 miles	\$1.10 per ton
1 - 2 "	1.20 "
2 - 3 "	1.30 "
3 - 4 "	1.40 "
4 - 5 "	1.50 "
5 - 6 "	1.60 "
6 - 7 "	1.70 "
7 - 8 "	1.80 "
8 - 9 "	1.90 "
9 - 10 "	2.00 "

Provided that the percentage reductions applicable to shipments of one hundred tons or over shall not apply to any shipment moving ten miles or less.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Railroad Commission issue, under the seal of this Commission, similar temporary certificate or certificates in southern California territory as that herein granted, upon the filing of applications therefor, duly verified, showing that the applicant proposes the operation of a similar temporary service in the same or other territory and at the same rates as authorized under the temporary permit herein granted to the HODGE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, INC.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of July, 1922.

H. A. Rundie

Irving Martin

J. F. Penick  
Commissioners.