

Decision No. 11046

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of R. E. STOWE for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate an automotive freight service to and from Isleton, California, and Rio Vista, California, as an extension to his present service between Sacramento and Walnut Grove and intermediate stations.

Application No. 7673.

- G. E. Foote for Applicant.
- G. J. Bradley for Merchants & Manufacturers Association.
- L. M. Bradshaw for Southern Pacific Company, Protestant.
- A. A. Bowman for California Transportation Company, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

A public hearing was held by Examiner Westover at Rio Vista upon the above entitled application seeking authority to extend about 15 miles to Isleton and Rio Vista the operation of the present truck line between Sacramento and Walnut Grove.

The principal products of this territory are asparagus and fruit, which growers wish opportunity to get into the Sacramento market which continues between 3:00 or 4:00 and 6:00 a.m. The principal need for shipments in the opposite direction, it appears from the evidence, relate to machine parts, ice cream and general merchandise.

The only present authorized common carriers are boats of the California Transportation Company and Southern Pacific

Company. These boats leave Rio Vista between 10:00 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. and arrive at Sacramento from 6:00 a.m. to 12 noon the next day. The slower movement is during the asparagus and fruit season, April 15th to August 15th.

Applicant's rates are somewhat higher than water rates, but he includes in them free pick-up and delivery service at each end of the route. There are some 35 to 40 boat landings between Rio Vista and Walnut Grove, of which 6 are agency stations where the minimum charges for landings are 50 cents each; and the remainder are regular or private landings where the minimum charges for landings are \$2.50 each, while the charges on large shipments would usually exceed the minimum during the four months' season referred to, these minimum charges greatly increase water rates for small shipments at all times. It also appears that boats at times leave freight at the landings through failure to see signals left flying for them.

Applicant proposes to leave Sacramento at 8:30 a.m., arrive at Rio Vista at 11:30 a.m., leave Rio Vista at 1:30 p.m., and arrive at Sacramento at 4:30 p.m. As the wholesale houses open at 7:00 a.m., this permits the ordering of goods by telephone before the trucks leave, and getting them a few hours later, and also getting perishables on the early morning market.

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 CERTIFIES that public convenience and necessity require R. E. Stowe to extend to Isleton

and Rio Vista his present service as a common carrier of freight between Sacramento and Walnut Grove and certain intermediate points, such service to Isleton and Rio Vista to be operated in conjunction with and as part of his said present service, which, however, is not to be extended or enlarged in any other particular.

1. The operative rights and privileges hereby established may not be transferred, leased, sold nor assigned, nor the said service abandoned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission thereto has first been procured.
2. No vehicle may be operated in said service unless said vehicle is owned by the applicant herein or is leased by said applicant under a contract or agreement satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.
3. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant shall, within fifteen days from the date hereof, file with the Railroad Commission schedules and tariffs covering said proposed service, which shall be in addition to proposed schedules and tariffs accompanying the application; shall show each point proposed to be served and quote rates to and from each such point; and shall set forth the date upon which the operation of the line hereby authorized shall commence, which date shall be within thirty days from date hereof, unless time to begin operation is extended by formal supplemental order herein.
4. The authority herein contained shall not become effective until and unless the above mentioned schedules and tariffs are filed within the time herein limited.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day
October
of September, 1922.

H. B. Brundage

Irving Martin

J. F. Brundage

Commissioners.