

Decision No. 11172

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application
of H. H. Webb Transfer and Storage
Company for an order of the Rail-
road Commission granting permission
to establish on one day's notice
certain rates between Los Angeles,
and Venice, Ocean Park and Santa
Monica.

APPLICATION NO. 8007.

H. H. Webb, In Propria Persona.
I. A. Monroe, For Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding the H. H. Webb Transfer and Storage Company applied under Rules 10 and 11 of General Order No. 51 of the Railroad Commission for authority to establish on one day's notice rates between Los Angeles, and Venice, Ocean Park and Santa Monica, as follows:

RATES IN CENTS PER 100 POUNDS

Between
Los Angeles
and

Venice, Ocean Park and Santa Monica

General Merchandise, heavy-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$.20
Heavy Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$.20
Plumbing Goods, other than bath tubs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.25
Enamel Bath Tubs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.35
Household Goods, crated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.50
Trunks, each	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00
Suit Cases, with baggage, each	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.35
Suit Cases, single, each	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.50
Household Furniture, min. charge depot to store door-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.35
Household Furniture, min. charge store door to store door-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.50
Household Furniture, moving jobs by contract	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.50 per hour
(includes one man other than driver)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Extra help where required to load or unload	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.75 " "

The applicant set forth in his application that he was not advised that authority must be granted by the Railroad Commission to make changes in rates, and finding he was not earning sufficient revenue "to cover cost of operation" and in ignorance of the law, established the rates proposed. The applicant stated further, however, that as soon as he was apprised that no increase in rates could be made without authority of the Railroad Commission he immediately made application for authority to establish the rates herein set forth.

The applicant, in addition to conducting a transportation service between Los Angeles, and Venice, Ocean Park and Santa Monica, also operates a local express service in the three Beach cities and conducts a warehouse business. However, his transportation business is the only one coming within the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission and is a comparatively small part of his entire business.

At the hearing the applicant was asked to identify the annual report of his company submitted to the Railroad Commission

for the year 1921. The applicant's witness identified that report, but explained that the figures contained therein included the warehouse and local express business, therefore were of no value, so far as this Commission is concerned, in reaching a conclusion as to the reasonableness of the proposed rates.

Exhibits A, B and C attached to and made a part of the application in this proceeding, indicate that the proposed rates are not unreasonable per se, and a check of the traffic for a period of one week, May 15 to 20 inclusive, 1922, shows there would be an increase of \$16.33 in the revenue accruing under the rates proposed over the revenue that would accrue under the published rates.

Assuming that the week selected was representative, there would be an estimated increase accruing under the proposed rates as compared to the published rates, for one year, of \$849.16.

Exhibit C attached to and made a part of the application and verified by the applicant's witness, shows operating revenues and expenses for four months ending April 30, 1922, resulting in a net revenue for the four months of \$327.25. Assuming that these figures are representative and estimating the same for a period of one year would result in a net earning of \$981.75. Also shown in Exhibit C is an item of \$8950.00, investment in two trucks and office furniture, and depreciation is set up in the account at 20 per cent per year.

It will therefore be seen that the present net revenue of this applicant is not unreasonable, and the Commission is of the opinion that the application should be granted.

The applicant will be permitted to establish the rates proposed in his application on one day's notice and will be required to furnish the Commission a monthly statement of revenues

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and expenses from May to September/inclusive, within ten days from the date of this order, and will be further required to furnish a monthly statement of revenues and expenses for October, November and December, 1922, such monthly reports to be in the hands of the Commission not later than the 15th day of the following month. If these reports show that the rates proposed are not unreasonable, the rates authorized herein may be made permanent.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application, H.H. Webb Transfer and Storage Company, should be and it is hereby granted.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant, H.H. Webb Transfer and Storage Company, be and is hereby authorized to establish the rates proposed in the application on one day's notice.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that H.H. Webb Transfer and Storage Company be and is hereby directed to furnish the Commission a monthly statement of revenues and expenses from May to September, 1922 inclusive, within ten (10) days from the date of ~~the~~ this order and said applicant will be further required to furnish a monthly statement of revenues and expenses for the months of September, October and November, 1922, such monthly reports to be in the hands of the Commission not later than the 15th day of the succeeding month.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of October 1922.

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Paul J. Quinn
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Commissioners.