

Mr. Cochran procured local permits and thereafter began operating on June 12th, on schedule, a heavy two ton truck. He estimates his cost of operation at 12¢ per mile and depreciation at 4.4¢ per mile, or a total of 16.4¢ per mile. His average gross receipts for the first month's operation amount to about \$10 per day, showing a considerable loss in operation. He believes, however, that sufficient business can be developed after the service is authorized to justify granting the authority sought.

Mr. Besone began operating between Bakersfield and Taft, with a Ford light truck, about April 20, 1917, but did not originally operate to Fellows, for which authority is now requested. His business has grown steadily and he has subsequently added three light trucks of other makes. Besides operating the line in question he does a general trucking and transfer business.

It appears from the testimony that Mr. Besone is equipped to handle the present traffic and probably such as may be developed, and under well settled principles heretofore announced he should be protected in it so long as he renders good service.

ORDER

JOE BESONE having applied to the Railroad Commission for declaration that public convenience and necessity require the service hereinafter described, and Ed E. Cochran having applied for similar declaration, and a public hearing having been held upon both applications and the matter being now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES

that public convenience and necessity require Joe Besone, doing business under the name of Joe Besone's Service Motor Express to operate express and freight service between Bakersfield, Taft, Fellows and intermediate points in Kern County, but that public convenience and necessity do not require the additional service between Bakersfield and Taft, proposed by Ed E. Cochran,

PROVIDED this declaration shall not become effective until said Joe Besone has procured from the Railroad Commission a supplemental order herein reciting that applicant has filed herein certified copies of permits from the County of Kern and the cities of Bakersfield and Taft, as provided by Section 3 of Chapter 213, Laws of 1917; and

PROVIDED FURTHER that the rights and privileges herein granted shall not be assigned or transferred unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such assignment or transfer has first been procured.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that no vehicle may be operated under this certificate unless such vehicle is owned by the applicant herein or is leased by such applicant under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that application of Ed E. Cochran, No. 3767, be and it is hereby

denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th
day of July, 1918.

Edwin O. Edgerton
W. H. Loveland
W. H. Gordon

Commissioners.