

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 6518.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of)
E. M. TOLSON for certificate of)
public convenience and necessity to)
operate automobile freight service) Application No. 4591.
between Torrance, California, and)
Los Angeles, California.)

E. M. Tolson in propria persona.

E.E. Morris and T. J. Day for Pacific
Electric Railway Company, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION

O R D E R

E. M. Tolson has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by him of an automobile truck line as a common carrier of freight between Los Angeles and Torrance.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Handford at Los Angeles, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicant proposes to charge rates in accordance with a schedule marked Exhibit "A" and attached to the application in this proceeding and to operate on a schedule of one round trip, daily except Sundays and holidays. The equipment proposed to be used consists of one Menominee Truck, 3 1/2 ton capacity, licensed by State Motor Vehicle Department under License No. 388527 and one Ford Truck, 1 ton capacity.

Witnesses for applicant testified as to the desirability of quick service for emergency orders from industrial plants at

Torrance, one such concern patronizing the service of applicant to the amount of \$200.00 per month.

This application is protested by the Pacific Electric Railway Company on the basis that such company has adequate facilities for the transportation of all freight and express shipments between Los Angeles and Torrance and at reasonable rates. The Pacific Electric Railway operates a freight service of one round trip daily, charging as fourth class rate (under which the majority of less than car load shipments move) a rate of fifteen cents per cwt. Applicant's rate for general merchandise is twenty five cents per cwt. The Pacific Electric Railway Company operates two round trips daily by express cars in connection with the American Railway Express, the following rates being charged:

First Class	Second Class	Special Commodity
Per cwt.	per cwt.	per cwt.
77 cents	58 cents	37 cents.

The service proposed to be rendered by the applicant is comparable to that rendered by the American Railway Express, with the added advantage to the public of free pick-up and delivery at both termini. The service of the American Railway Express at Torrance is a station delivery and receipt, no free pick-up and delivery zone being maintained in such community.

In view of the fact that the service proposed by applicant offers the public a more satisfactory rate than is available by the American Railway Express and as the testimony indicates that it is of advantage to the industrial plants at Torrance, we are of the opinion that the application should be granted.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public

