

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 6528

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of  
THATCHER H. COFFEY for certificate  
of public convenience and necessity  
to operate automobile freight,  
express and baggage service between  
El Monte, California, and Los Angeles,  
California. ) Application No. 4569.

Vincent E. Bowser for Applicant.

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

E. J. Cross for Southern Pacific Company.

BY THE COMMISSION

O R D E R

Thatcher H. Coffey 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, express and baggage between El Monte and Los Angeles and intermediate points.

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 filed with the application in this proceeding and to operate on a schedule of two round trips daily, except Sundays and holidays, serving as intermediates the communities at Garvalia and Wilmar. The equipment proposed to be used consists of one Ford Truck, licensed by State Motor

Vehicle Department under License No. 89360.

Applicant relies as a reason for the granting of a certificate of public convenience and necessity upon his intention to specialize in the matter of messenger service for garages and automobile service stations and also as regards the serving of the communities at Garvalia and the Wilmar district which are not at present served by any transportation company.

The granting of the desired certificate is opposed by the Pacific Electric Railway Company, operating freight service by one round trip between El Monte and Los Angeles, and operating in connection with the American Railway Express two round trips daily. The rate assessed by the Pacific Electric Railway for fourth class freight (under which class the majority of less than car load shipments move) is 15 cents per cwt. The express rates of the American Railway Express are as follows:

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

The application is also protested by the Southern Pacific Company as regards their lessee, the United States Railroad Administration, which operates a freight service on the basis of three round trips weekly at the same rates assessed by the Pacific Electric Railway Company.

The rates proposed by applicant are on the basis of 15 cents per cwt. (with a minimum charge of 35 cents), up to and including shipments of 500 lbs. Over 500 lbs a rate of 7 1/2 cents per cwt. is to be assessed. These rates include free pick-up and delivery within a prescribed zone in the city of Los Angeles and free pick-up and delivery in the other communities served.

