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Decision No. 6530.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
RALEH M. FOWLER for certificate of	)	
public convenience and necessity to	)	
operate an auto truck freight service	)	
between Lincoln, Placer County, Cal.,	)	Application No. 4580.
and Sacramento, Sacramento County,	)	
Cal.	)	

Harry J. Gray for Applicant.

E. W. Wenzel and C. C. Fisher for Southern Pacific Company.

BY THE COMMISSION

O R D E R

Ralph M. Fowler 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 Lincoln, Placer County, and Sacramento, Sacramento County, and intermediate points.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Handford at Sacramento on July 16, 1919, 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 one round trip daily, except Sundays. The equipment proposed to be used consists of one Kleiber Truck, 28 H. P., 2 1/2 ton capacity.

Applicant relies as justification for the granting of his application upon the fact that the present service rendered.

by the Southern Pacific Company is indirect and that a direct delivery will be made to patrons of the proposed truck service. The applicant was the only witness appearing in support of the application.

The Southern Pacific Company appeared as an interested party and protested on the basis that the service rendered by its lessee, the United States Railroad Administration, was adequate for the demands of the shipping public. Local freight service is given by two round trips daily between Roseville and Lincoln and by frequent trains between Roseville and Sacramento. Express service in connection with the American Railway Express is given on passenger trains and by five round trips. The rates charged by the express company are as follows: -

	First Class per cwt.	Second Class per cwt.	Special Commodity per cwt.
Between Lincoln & Sacramento	77 cents	58 cents	54 cents
Between Lincoln & Roseville	77 cents	58 cents	54 cents
Between Roseville & Sacramento	71 cents	54 cents	48 cents

The fourth class freight rate (being the rate at which the majority of less than carload shipments move) as charged by the United States Railroad Administration is 15 cents per cwt. The rate proposed by applicant is a flat rate of 20 cents per cwt., with a minimum of 50 cents, such rate including pick-up and delivery charge at terminals and in the business district of the intermediate town of Roseville.

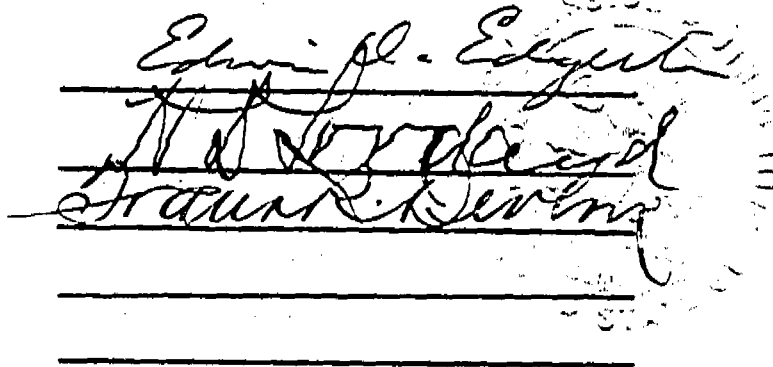
The service proposed by the applicant is closely comparable to that offered by the American Railway Express with the additional advantage to shippers and receivers of direct store

door pick-up and delivery. We are of the opinion that the rates and service proposed offer a satisfactory transportation service at reasonable rates to the communities to be served by the proposed route.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Ralph M. Fowler of an automobile truck line as a common carrier of freight between Sacramento and Lincoln and intermediate points; provided, however, that the rights and privileges herein granted may not be transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such transfer or assignment has first been secured.

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.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1919.

  
Edwin J. Edgerton  
Frank R. Irving

Commissioners .