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Decision No. 6546

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application
of THE BOLINAS BAY TRANSPORTATION
COMPANY for an order authorizing
an increase of freight rates.

} Application No. 4691.

L. B. Petar for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

The Bolinas Bay Transportation Company applies for an order authorizing an increase in freight rates applying on the Schooner Owl, operated between San Francisco and Bolinas, Marin County. The increases sought amount to about 25% over the present tariff.

Public hearing was held by Examiner Westover at Bolinas, July 22d.

The Owl was purchased about five years ago for \$10,000 and is operated two round trips a week between San Francisco and Bolinas. The principal freight from Bolinas

consists of milk, cheese and live stock and from San Francisco general merchandise and stock feed. The gross revenue for 1918 was \$7646.60, of which \$553.52 was derived from passenger travel. The operating expenses which appear to be reasonable, amounted to \$7467.50, of which over half represented labor. The apparent net operating revenue of \$179.10 for the year is more than offset by an item of \$692.79 representing uncollectible freight bills, mostly due from one patron.

The net operating revenue for the year 1917 was \$2676.93. owing to work performed in addition to regular transportation business, including the salvaging of the boilers of the Steamer Bear. The business for the year 1916 showed a net loss in operation of \$1.77. In the operating expense for the three years referred to no depreciation has been shown.

The present assets, aside from accounts and cash items, consist of the Schooner Owl (gross registered capacity 47 tons) purchased about five years ago for \$10,000, and real estate at Bolinas, on which is located applicant's dock and warehouse, costing \$875. The business was begun about seven years ago by J. C. Petar and L. E. Petar who first operated a very small schooner called the Jennie Griffin. This boat was sold last spring and is not considered in fixing present rates.

None of applicant's patrons appeared at the hearing and the testimony shows that so far as they have been personally advised of the proposed increase they have offered no objection to it. The increase requested is justified by the testimony.

ORDER

BOLINAS BAY TRANSPORTATION COMPANY having applied for authority to increase rates for freight transported between San Francisco and Bolinas, Marin County, a public hearing having been held and the matter being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS AS A FACT that the present tariff rates are unreasonable and non-compensatory and that the rates set forth in proposed tariff C.R.C. No. 2 attached to and made part of the application are just and reasonable rates, and basing its order upon the above finding and upon all of the findings of fact contained in the opinion preceding this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that J. G. Petar and L. B. Petar, partners under the name and style of Bolinas Bay Transportation Company, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to publish and file in tariff with the Commission and thereafter collect the rates shown in proposed freight tariff C.R.C. No. 2, attached to the application.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th
day of ~~July~~ ^{August}, 1919.

Edwin G. Edwards
H. S. Edwards
Thomas R. Kelly
Devisay Martin

commissioners.