DECISION NO. 672,2

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of) OCEANSIDE TRUCK LINE for certificate) of public convenience and necessity) to operate truck service between) Oceanside and San Diego, California.)

Application No. 4567.

Wirt Francis for Applicant. .

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

B. H. Steele and H. E. Steele, partners in business operating under the fictitious name of Oceanside Truck Line, have petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity requires the operation by them of an automobile truck line as a common carrier of freight between Oceanside and San Diego and intermediate points.

A public hearing on the application was conducted by Examiner Handford at San Diego on September 17, 1919, the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicants propose 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 Sunday, using as equipment one Moore Truck, 42 H.P., 2-1/2 ton capacity, licensed by State Motor Vehicle Department under License No. 402046 and one Autocar Truck, 18 H. P., 2 ton

capacity.

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Applicants have been in the general trucking business since November, 1917, hauling under contract in and around San Diego. In May, 1919, operation was commenced on a contract basis over the route for which a certificate as a common carrier is sought for the reason that the demands of the public apparently warrant the establishment of the route herein sought.

The business proposed to be handled consists principally of perishable fruits and vegetables destined San Diego and a back haul of general merchandise, food products, etc., to Oceanside and intermediate points.

Witnesses for applicant testified as to the reliable service heretofore offered by the applicants in the conduct of the line on a contract basis, and of the excessive cost of handling bulk fruit and vegetables by railroad when the necessity for team haul in the delivery to the railroad and from the railroad to the consignee was considered. The facility offered by a daily service against a tri-weekly service by railroad was also cited as a reason why residents of intermediate communities preferred the facility offered by the truck line of applicant.

There was no appearance in protest against the granting of this application, and after careful consideration of the evidence we are of the opinion that the service offered by the applicants will be desirable and satisfactory for the shipping and receiving public along the route for which certificate is sought.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by B. H. Steele and H. E. Steele, partners in business operating under the

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fictitious name of Oceanside Truck Line, of an automobile truck line as a common carrier of freight between San Diego and Oceanside 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 procured.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2 day of October September, 1919.

Commissioners.

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