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Decision No. 6966.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of)	
FLETCHER AND TREMBLE, a co-partnership,)	
for certificate of public convenience)	
and necessity to operate freight and)	
express by motor truck service between)	Application
Los Angeles and San Bernardino, Calif-)	Number
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Lester G. King, for Applicant.

E. E. Bennett for United States Railroad Administration; Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad, Protestant.

M. W. Reed for United States Railroad Administration; The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, Protestants.

L. R. Zagariase for Keystone Express, Protestant.

E. R. Meger for Los Angeles and Alhambra Express, Protestant.

E. E. Morris for Pacific Electric Railway Company, Protestant.

B. J. Cross for United States Railroad Administration; Southern Pacific Railroad, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Lewis T. Fletcher, Elmer Tremble and Martha E. Tremble, partners in business under the firm name and style of Fletcher and Tremble, have petitioned the Railroad Com-

mission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by them of an automobile truck service as a common carrier of express and freight between Los Angeles and San Bernardino and intermediate points.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Handford at Los Angeles, 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 filed with the application in this proceeding ; to operate on a schedule of one round trip daily, except Sundays and holidays, using as equipment one Federal truck, two ton capacity, licensed by State Motor Vehicle Department under License No. 52612.

Applicants have had some five years experience in the transportation business along general trucking lines and have available seven trucks for use if the demands of traffic on the proposed line require the use of additional equipment, witnesses testifying in behalf of applicant and representing jobbers and wholesale houses in Los Angeles testified as to the benefits that would accrue to themselves and their customers if a service as contemplated by the applicant were to be established. Merchants of San Bernardino desire the establishment of an automobile truck service alleging that the present service as rendered by the railroads is not entirely satisfactory and that shipments are delayed in transit an unwarranted length of time.

This application is protested by all rail lines operating between Los Angeles and San Bernardino and by the motor truck lines, known as the Keystone Express and Los Angeles and Alhambra Express.

At the hearing on this application it appears that the service that is sought is that between the terminals of Los Angeles and San Bernardino and that no intermediate local business is contemplated.

The following is a comparison of the rates of the applicant with those of the existing transportation lines:

<u>Applicant's Rates</u>	<u>Class</u>			
Between Los Angeles and San Bernardino.	(In cents per cwt.)			
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
	43	37	33	27

Pacific Electric Railway Company.

Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway.

<u>Class</u>	(In cents per cwt.)			
Between Los Angeles and San Bernardino.				
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
	42½	36½	32½	26½

American Railway Express Company

<u>Class</u>	(In cents per cwt.)		
Between Los Angeles and San Bernardino.			
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Special Commodity.</u>
	110	82	65

The rates contemplated by applicant are approximately the same as those of the rail carriers serving the points for which authority to operate is sought but the service of the applicants in consideration of pick-up and

delivery features at terminals practically approximates the character of service as rendered by the American Railway Express.

We are of the opinion that the public is entitled to the benefit of the expedited service offered at the rates proposed, service analagous to that of the American Railway Express being offered by applicant at practically freight rates.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Lewis T. Fletcher, Elmer Tremble and Martha E. Tremble, a co-partnership, operating under the firm name and style of Fletcher and Tremble, of an automobile truck line as a common carrier of freight between Los Angeles and San Bernardino; the authority hereby granted covering through service between such terminals no local business to be handled between intermediate points. The rights and privileges hereby 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 applicants herein or is leased by such applicants on a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of December, 1919.

Edwin O. Baggett
Frank R. Weston
John A. ...
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Commissioners.