

Decision No. 7488

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of REUEL N. WRIGHT for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate freight or express service between Muroc, Kern County, California, and Los Angeles, California.) Application No. 5476.

Reuel N. Wright in propria persona.  
K. H. Mitchell for San Antone Mesa Express, protestant.  
Paul Marks for The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, protestant.  
Frank B. Austin for Southern Pacific Company, protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Reuel N. Wright applies for authority to operate automobile freight truck service as a common carrier of freight between Los Angeles and Muroc, Kern County, on the Santa Fe Lines, via Saugus, Harold and Lancaster, on the Southern Pacific lines.

A public hearing on the application was held

by Examiner Westover at Los Angeles.

Applicant proposes to operate a one ton Chevrolet truck and one ton trailer one round trip a week, leaving Muroc Tuesdays at 4:00 P.M., arriving at Los Angeles Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M., leaving Los Angeles Thursdays at 9:00 A.M. and arriving at Muroc Fridays at 9:00 A.M. Part of proposed route is served by A. H. Mitchell, operating as the San Antone Mesa Express between Los Angeles and San Antone Mesa via Saugus, Harold and Little Rock. He protested against permitting applicant to handle local shipments between Los Angeles and Harold, at which point his route leaves the Southern Pacific route.

The only common carrier at present operating between Los Angeles and Muroc is The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company. Its route is via San Bernardino and Barstow, which is circuitous and requires from one to three weeks for shipments to be in transit.

The Southern Pacific Company protests against authorizing applicant to transport local shipments between Los Angeles and Lancaster, at which latter point applicant's proposed route diverges from the Southern Pacific route.

Applicant's primary purpose is to establish a through line between Muroc and vicinity and Los Angeles. He is willing to have the proposed authority exclude the right to transport local freight between Los Angeles and Lancaster and intermediate points, but wishes the right to transport local freight between the territory northeast of Lancaster and the territory southwest of Lancaster. This arrangement is satisfactory to the other

carriers and their protests were therefore withdrawn at the hearing.

The testimony shows that there is a considerable amount of agricultural implements, machinery, supplies and general merchandise moving from Los Angeles to Muroc and vicinity; with shipments of hay, grain, livestock and poultry products returning, and that there is a considerable movement of most of these products between Muroc and vicinity and points between Lancaster and Saugus. There are some 25 to 30 ranchers living within a radius of 10 miles from Muroc, and a number along the route in question who would be greatly inconvenienced by the proposed service.

#### O R D E R

A public hearing having been held upon the above entitled application, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by applicant, Reuel N. Wright, of an automobile freight truck service as a common carrier of freight between Los Angeles and Muroc, Kern County, via Saugus, Harold and Lancaster,

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that applicant may not transport local freight between Los Angeles and Lancaster and intermediate points but may transport local freight between the points on his route northeast of Lancaster and points on his route south and southwest of Lancaster, lying

