

Decision No. 7649

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application )  
of BLYTHE S. BELL for certificate )  
of public convenience and necessity ) Application No. 5459.  
to operate freight truck service )  
between Los Angeles and Whittier. )

A. Wardman for applicant.  
S. B. Cowan for Triangle & Orange County  
Express.  
Carl B. Trueblood for Independent Truck Company.  
Frank Karr and G. M. Squires for Pacific  
Electric Railway Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Blythe S. Bell applies for a certificate to operate automobile truck service between Los Angeles and Whittier as a common carrier of freight.

A public hearing upon this application was held at Los Angeles before Examiner Westover.

At the hearing it developed that the applicant proposes to operate a special service for the hauling of fresh meat, one round trip daily, except Sundays and holidays, with a light auto-car leaving Whittier at 4:00 A.M.

and arriving at Whittier on the return trip at 6:30 A.M.

It appears that there is a demand for a special service proposed, under which meats would be delivered at very early and seasonable hours and under sanitary conditions not practicable in connection with the usual freight truck service.

S. B. Cowan, operating under the name of Triangle & Orange County Express, <sup>meets this demand as he</sup> now operates such a service, and on that ground opposes the present application.

Pacific Electric Railway Company announced that it would not protest the granting of the application in view of applicant's stipulation that his service would be limited to the handling of fresh meat, vegetables and fruits.

Mr. Bell began operating such a service in 1914, at which time official authority for such operation was not necessary. When he entered the army, during the recent war, he sold his operative rights as a meat carrier to the Independent Truck Company. The latter company's manager testified that it gave up the meat route about a year ago because it was not practicable to operate this business in connection with a general freight trucking business, and that his company had no objection to the granting of the application.

Applicant failed to make a sufficient showing that public convenience and necessity require the proposed service. The application should therefore be denied, without prejudice.

#### O R D E R

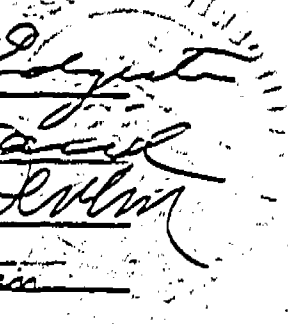
A public hearing having been held upon the above entitled application, the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that

public convenience and necessity do not require the operation by Blythe S. Bell of an automobile truck line as a common carrier of freight between Los Angeles and Whittier.

IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled application be and the same hereby is denied without prejudice.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this  
27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1920.

  
Edwin C. Ely  
J. D. Fitzgerald  
Walter P. Brown  
Erving Martin  
Commissioners.