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Decision No. 8037.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of)
Thomas Richards Motor Express, for)
an order granting permission to)
establish a line of class rates, a)
proper classification of commodities)
and special commodity rates, between)
Los Angeles, Huntington Park, Vernon,)
Lynnwood, Long Beach, and Wilmington,)
which will result in an increase in)
rates.)

Application No. 5744.

Thomas Richards in Propria Persona, Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Thomas Richards, Proprietor, of an auto truck transportation line operating between Los Angeles, Long Beach, Wilmington and intermediate points, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for authority to adopt a new tariff containing class rates, special commodity rates and exceptions to classification and to adopt a new classification known as Monroe's Ship By Truck Freight Classification No. 1, C. R. C. No. 1.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by Examiner Handford at Los Angeles at which time the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

At the hearing on this application applicant testified as to the results obtained from his operation and filed as an exhibit a statement showing a total loss in operation during the year ending March, 1920, of \$4,098.15. Material increases in labor and material costs, tires, parts and repairs and other

supplies used in the operation of the motor truck line have occurred during the period above mentioned resulting in the rates heretofore collected by applicant being insufficient to defray the cost of operation, to care for depreciation and result in any return on the capital invested in this business.

At the hearing on this application there was no protest received against the granting of this application although due notice of the hearing was given by publication in newspapers at Los Angeles and Long Beach and also by posting at the stations of applicant.

After due consideration of all the evidence in this proceeding, we are of the opinion and find as a fact that the revenues derived from operation at the rates now in effect are inadequate to meet operating expenses, depreciation and make any return on the amount invested and the application should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same hereby is granted and that class rates, special commodity rates, exceptions to classification and classification as appearing in exhibit "A" attached to the application in this proceeding should be published and made effective as the legal rates and classification, such rates to be effective on one days notice after rates and classification will have been filed with this Commission in accordance with the provisions of General Order No. 51.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of August, 1920.

Edwin C. Edgerton
H. J. Loveland
Grant P. White
H. B. Brundage

Commissioners.