

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 8876

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of FRANK WATSON for certificate of
public convenience and necessity
to operate transfer, freight, ex-
press, baggage, general goods serv-
ice between Culver City, Palms,
Venice, Ocean Park and Los Angeles,
California. } Application No. 6579.

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G. R. Cleveland for Rice Auto Delivery.
E. Tremble for Service Motor Express.
C. T. Boyd in Propria Persona.
Frank Karr, by J. D. Taggart and George F.
Squires for Pacific Electric Railway Co.
M. Thompson for American Railway Express Co.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

Applicant applies for authority to operate an auto-
motive truck service between Los Angeles and the beach towns
of Venice, Ocean Park and Santa Monica, serving Culver City and
Palms as intermediate points. The application is upon the
ground that the present transportation facilities are not suffi-
cient and that service is unsatisfactory.

A public hearing upon the application was held by Ex-
aminer Westover at Los Angeles.

There are at present three truck lines giving substan-
tially the same service as that proposed by applicant, besides
daily service by the Pacific Electric Railway and American Rail-
way Express Company. The rail freight service is from station

to station only, but the express service includes pick-up and delivery at Los Angeles, the beach towns and Culver City, and similar service is contemplated later for Palms. The testimony affirmatively shows that, so far as the safe transportation of goods is concerned, the present service is entirely satisfactory, although there was some testimony tending to show delay in transit in one or two instances and delay in one instance in settlement of c.o.d. items, resulting from the former practice of the carrier accepting in payment check of the consignee payable to the shipper, and the check being returned by the bank. This practice has already been discontinued. The delays referred to were of a character which might occasionally occur with almost any carrier.

Applicant operated a freight line over this route for many years, but sold out and retired in September, 1920. Several witnesses testified to the excellence of his former service and the special efforts made by him to accommodate his patrons. However the evidence fails to show present need of additional service.

ORDER

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

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require Frank Watson to operate automotive freight, express and baggage service between Los Angeles, Venice, Ocean Park and Santa Monica via Palms and Culver City.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application be and it is hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of April, 1921.

Darius M. Martin
Charles H. Howell

H. W. Leonard
W. H. Brundage

Commissioners.