

Decision No. 9678

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
HODGE, MERSHON & ROSE for certificate
of public convenience and necessity
to operate motor freight service be-
tween Lemoore, California, and Delano,
California.

Application No. 7128.

Harry N. Blair for Applicants.
L. N. Bradshaw for Southern Pacific Co.
E. T. Lucey for Atchison, Topeka &
Santa Fe Railway Co.
W. J. Griffith for American Railway
Express Co.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

A public hearing was held by Examiner Westover at Tulare upon the above application to operate freight truck service between Goshen, Hanford and Lemoore, and between Tulare, Tipton, Pixley and Delano.

The only testimony presented by applicants relates to butter movement from Lemoore, Hanford, Tulare and creameries in the vicinity, to Los Angeles. It appears that this business now moves by Santa Fe in refrigerator cars; that the Santa Fe service is entirely satisfactory to shippers; that the witnesses examined would not use applicants' proposed service, and that there is no need for additional service.

Applicants desire to route loaded trucks from their authorized route between Bakersfield and Fresno via Porterville, so they would move directly on the State Highway between Tulare and Delano through Tipton and Pixley, which points Mr. Hodge testified

his firm had no desire to serve. He testified that such operation would probably save about 1½ or 2 hours on loaded trucks travelling directly between Bakersfield and Fresno. His was the only testimony tending to show probable need for such a change in route or that it would not or might not result in poorer service for points on the main line in the vicinity of Porterville, due to shippers in that vicinity being unable to plan upon the arrival of trucks at fixed times for the movement of outbound shipments, although it is planned that trucks bearing inbound shipments for points in the vicinity of Porterville, lying between Tulare and Delano, will travel the said route, which the Commission authorized by Decision No. 9460 of August 3, 1921, Application No. 6217.

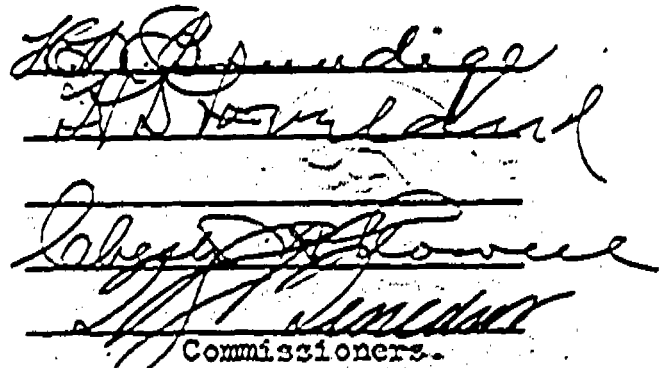
ORDER

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

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require the operation by Hodge, Mershon & Rose of a freight truck service between Goshen and Lemoore, serving Hanford as an intermediate point, nor does it require the operation of loaded trucks directly between Tulare and Delano via Tipton and Pixley.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of October, 1921.


Commissioners.