

Decision No. ~~9792~~ 9793.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of JOHN O. ZIEGLER and HOWARD TRIPP, co-partners, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a motor truck line for the transportation of freight and express between Fresno, Friant, and the proposed damsite in Madera County, above Friant, California.

Application No. 7104.

H. A. Encell for Applicant.
Everts, Ewing & Wild, by J. C. Fitch,
for Bennett & Bolton's Fresno-Pines
Freight Line.
Fee & Ring, by W. C. Ring, Jr., for
Herschel P. Gordon.
L. N. Bradshaw for Southern Pacific 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 Fresno upon the above application to operate freight and express service between Fresno, Friant and the proposed damsite, about 3400 feet from Friant.

It appears from the testimony that service is now furnished between Fresno and Friant by the Southern Pacific Company's railroad and by Bennett & Bolton's Fresno-Pines Freight Line, operating between Fresno and The Pines via Friant and O'Neals. Applicants' proposed route is substantially the same as that used by the present track line, except that it appeared at the hearing that applicant would also serve Lane's Bridge as an intermediate point by making a detour from the regular route, making the distance

travelled about three miles longer. There are about 50 people living in the vicinity of Lanes' Bridge and the only freight to be handled appears to be that incident to a small store, the only mercantile establishment. It also appears that the Grant Rock & Gravel Company, whose property fronts on the road, has a plant about a half mile off the road, being about a mile southerly from Friant, and that it has occasion to ship heavy machinery and parts for repair.

It also appears that no dissatisfaction with the service offered by the railroad or the present truck line has been expressed, nor has the store at Lane's Bridge sought the service of the present truck line. Each of the present carriers appear to be able to handle all of the business which may offer.

It also appears that Madera Irrigation District is to build a large dam at the damsite above Friant, but there does not seem to be any present need for freight service in connection with the construction of the dam, and it has not yet been determined whether or not Friant and the damsite (about 3400 feet distant) will be connected by rail.

It does not appear that there is sufficient public demand to justify the establishment of an additional truck line at this time.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held upon the above entitled matter, 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 John O. Ziegler and Howard Tripp of motor truck line for the transportation of freight and express between Fresno, Lane's Bridge, Friant, and the proposed damsite near Friant, nor between any of them.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of November, 1921.

H. B. Bauding

Irving Martin

Robert D. Jones

J. H. Penner
Commissioners.