

Decision No. 27171

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
~~KETTLEMAN~~ EXPRESS, a corporation,
for certificate of public convenience
and necessity to operate a motor freight
service, restricted to certain commodi-
ties entirely within California between
Los Angeles and contiguous territory,
and certain oil fields within the San
Joaquin valley.)
Application
No. 18799

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Leland S. Bower, for applicant.
Edward Stern, for Railway Express Agency, Inc.,
H. W. Hobbs and R. E. Wedekin, for Southern Pacific
Company and Pacific Motor Transport Company, protestants.
Rex W. Boston, for Asbury Truck Company, Protestant.
Wallace K. Downey, for Motor Freight Terminal Company,
Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION

This application came on for hearing before Examiner Johnson at Los Angeles, and after extensive testimony is now ready for decision.

The applicant herein is a California corporation, incorporated in March, 1932, for the purpose of engaging in the transportation business. The incorporators have been in the interstate transportation business heretofore and now for the first time seek an intrastate certificate. The territory applicant seeks to serve is the manufacturing and industrial section in and contiguous to Los Angeles on the one hand, the oil fields of the lower San Joaquin valley, in Kern, Kings and Fresno counties, on the other hand. This certificate was originally opposed by all the other carriers to this region.

However, after the applicant had stipulated that Coalinga and immediate vicinity might be eliminated from the requested franchise, the Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Company withdrew their opposition. The applicant did not seriously urge a pickup and delivery that would compete with the operations of the Sunset Railway Company as represented by the Santa Fe or Southern Pacific.

This applicant introduced some testimony as to public need for a special service to the oil fields. But in view of the fact that both the Asbury Truck Company and Motor Freight Terminal have recently received amplified certificates in this same field and can and do render the same type of service applied for here, it is our conclusion that there is no further need for a new truck service at this time. Especially is this true in view of the fact that the testimony seems to show that the other truck operators are perfectly able to take care of all service demands and are not making a profit on their operations.

ORDER

Kettleman Express, a corporation, having made application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to establish automotive service between Los Angeles and other points and oil fields designated in the San Joaquin valley, public hearings having been held and the matter having been duly submitted,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity do not require the establishment of the services as proposed, or any part thereof, and

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of June, 1934.

O. C. Leary
Leon Whittell
M. J. Am

 COMMISSIONERS.