Decision No. 29446. BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA In the Matter of the Application of INTER-URBAN EXPRESS CORPORATION, a corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Application operate an automotive truck line to No. 20626 serve the communities of Avon, Concord, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, St. Marys College, Moraga, Bryant and Orinda as an extension of its San Francisco, Oakland-Martinez service. R. L. Vaughan for Applicant. W. W. Hoffman for Theodore Phillip, Protestant. A. S. Williams for Pacific Motor Transport Company and Pacific Mctor Trucking Company, Protestant. L. N. Bradshaw for Sacramento Northern Railway Company, Protestant. R. S. Elliett for Railway Express Agency, Inc., Protestant. BY THE COMMISSION: \overline{O} \overline{D} \overline{I} \overline{M} \overline{I} \overline{O} \overline{M} Applicant corporation herein seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to establish automotive service for the transportation of property between Martinez and Oakland, serving Avon, Concord, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, St. Mary's College, Moraga, Bryant and Orinda as intermediate points, and entering Oakland via the new low level tunnel route. A public hearing thereon was conducted by Examiner W. R. Williams at Walnut Creck. At this hearing applicant dismissed all of its application except a request for an alternate routing, for empty vehicles only, between Martinez and Oakland via the low level tunnel road. Applicant now maintains truck operation, under -1proper authority, between Oakland and Martinez, via Richmond, Crockett and Port Costa, serving all intermediates. The traffic is almost wholly north-east bound, with negligible return. The alternate return route for empty vehicles, therefore, is an operating economy, being ten miles shorter, and a convenience. As amended the application met with no opposition. There appears no reason why it should not be granted.

ORDER

Interurben Express Corporation having made application as above entitled, a public hearing having been held and the matter having been duly submitted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant be and it hereby is authorized to reroute its empty vehicles at applicant's option, returning from Martinez to Oakland only, over and along the following route:

Vie Avon, Concord, Walnut Creek and low level Tunnel Road;

provided, applicant shall advise the Commission when such return movements are to be commenced over the above return route.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that in all other respects the application be and the same hereby is dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1/4 day of January, 1937.

COMMISSIONERS