

Decision No. 20762

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
MERCHANTS EXPRESS CORPORATION for per-)
mission to operate automobile trucks)
as a common carrier of property between)
Oakland, Berkeley and Richmond on the)
one hand and San Quentin, San Rafael,)
Ignacio on the other hand; over certain)
routes as hereinafter set forth as an)
alternate route and only as an)
emergency operation as hereinafter set)
forth.)

Application No. 21811

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

By this application Merchants Express Corporation, operating as a highway common carrier, requests permission to use the following route, as an alternate route and only during the period of such emergencies as now render or may render the service of the Richmond-San Rafael Ferries inoperative due to labor difficulties; between Oakland and San Francisco via either the auto ferries of the Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries, Inc., or via the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge; between San Francisco and the Marin County shore, the Golden Gate bridge or between San Francisco and Sausalito via the auto ferries of the Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries, Inc; between the Marin shore and/or Sausalito and San Rafael, via California U. S. Highway 101.

The applicant stipulates herein that this permission, if granted, is not to be considered as an extension of present operative rights and is an alternate route only to be used in the event of emergency.

This appears to be a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and, in view of the circumstances set forth herein, the application will be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Merchants Express Corporation, operating under certificates of public convenience and necessity as a highway common carrier, is hereby granted authority to operate its auto trucks via U. S. Highway 101 and/or the common carrier ferries between San Francisco and San Rafael, as an alternate route only.

IT is expressly understood that the authority hereby granted does not in any manner enlarge applicant's existing operative rights and that its operations remain subject to all conditions and limitations attached to its existing rights, except as to the deviation in route hereby authorized, and subject to the following conditions:

1. The authority herein granted is limited and is void on resumption of the service of The Richmond and San Rafael Ferry and Transportation Company.

2. The authority herein granted is revocable at any time, with or without notice, at the discretion of the Commission.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of March, 1938.

Leon Whittell
Frank W. W. W.
Rafael W. W.
Ray & Co.
COMMISSIONERS.