

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 34275

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 PACIFIC MOTOR TRUCKING COMPANY, a)
 corporation, for a certificate of)
 public convenience and necessity for) Application No. 24167
 the transportation of property by)
 motor trucks between Taft and the)
 Taft Airport, and for consolidation)
 with present rights.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Pacific Motor Trucking Company, by the above-entitled application, requests a highway common carrier certificate authorizing it to operate between Taft and Taft Airport including the right to perform store-door and pickup and delivery service with line-haul equipment used in such operation, as an extension of its present rights between Bakersfield, Taft and Maricopa.

The Taft Airport, which is located approximately nine miles southeast of Taft, is being established as a part of the National Defense Program. The application states that the Federal Government has awarded a contract totaling \$712,845 for the construction of barracks, mess halls, administration and recreation buildings, a hospital, a theater and a sewage disposal plant. It is planned to construct hangars and runways at the airport also. During construction it is estimated that 600 men will be employed. The United States Army anticipates that 2,100 men will be stationed at this base for training purposes. It is alleged in the application that there will be a steady movement of materials and army supplies to the airport after it is developed.

Pacific Motor Trucking Company proposes to file tariffs in its own name setting forth the minimum rates prescribed by the Commission if the application is granted, and to perform service under joint rate arrangements with Southern Pacific Company, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, and Sunset Railway. Applicant also desires to interchange traffic moving on joint rail truck rates with the Southern Pacific Company and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway at Bakersfield.

A letter was received by the Commission from a contractor now engaged in construction work at the Taft Airport urging favorable and prompt action on this application. He stated that the service proposed by Pacific Motor Trucking Company was needed now to facilitate the delivery of construction materials and supplies.

The Commission has been advised by Sunset Railway and Pacific Freight Lines, the only common carriers authorized to operate between the points Pacific Motor Trucking Company proposes to serve, that they are not opposed to the granting of this application.

Full consideration has been given to this matter. The Commission is of the opinion that a public hearing is unnecessary and that public convenience and necessity require that this application be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is granted to Pacific Motor Trucking Company authorizing it to operate as a highway common carrier, as that

term is defined in section 2-3/4 of the Public Utilities Act, between Taft and Taft Airport and between Maricopa and Taft Airport and to perform store-door pickup and delivery service with the line-haul equipment used in operating between the points above specified, as an extension and as a part of its present rights between Bakersfield, Taft and Maricopa granted by Decision No. 27235 as subsequently amended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the operation of said highway common carrier service Pacific Motor Trucking Company shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

1. File a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date hereof.
2. Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify such at any time by further order, conduct said highway common carrier service over the most appropriate route or routes between the points authorized to be served.
3. Comply with the provisions of General Order No. 80 by filing tariffs in conformity therewith in triplicate, and Part IV of General Order No. 93-A within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this order and upon not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of June, 1941.

Ray L. Riley
Justus J. Coleman
Francis K. Havens
Richard H. Baker
COMMISSIONERS