

Decision No. 36864

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC MOTOR TRUCKING COMPANY for)
a certificate of public convenience)
and necessity for the transportation)
by motor trucks of railroad traffic)
in the San Joaquin Valley, etc.)

Application No. 18699
4th Supplemental

BY THE COMMISSION:

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Pacific Motor Trucking Company by Decision No. 26261, rendered August 21, 1933, in Application No. 18699, was granted a highway common carrier certificate authorizing it to operate between certain named Southern Pacific Company railroad freight stations only, which are located on Southern Pacific Company's Stratford, Riverdale, Coalinga and Kerman branches and the main line between Fresno and Goshen Junction in Fresno, Kings, and Tulare counties, such service being limited to the transportation of freight which may have been previously consigned for transportation over the rail line of Southern Pacific Company. We are here concerned with only two of these railroad freight stations, viz., Raisin City and Caruthers which are located on the Kerman branch of Southern Pacific Company in Fresno County.

By its Fourth Supplemental Application Pacific Motor Trucking Company alleges that Southern Pacific Railroad Company and Southern Pacific Company are seeking a certificate from the Interstate Commerce Commission authorizing the abandonment of a portion of the Kerman branch extending from a point near Kerman to the end of the branch including abandonment of service by rail to

and from Raisin City and Caruthers. If the certificate sought is granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission Raisin City and Caruthers thereafter will not be railroad stations. In that event applicant will not be able to continue its highway common carrier service to and from these communities under the certificate granted by Decision No. 26261, above referred to, since it is limited to railroad freight stations. As a consequence, the communities of Raisin City and Caruthers would be deprived of both rail service and that of applicant unless said certificate is modified to remove the inclusion of Raisin City and Caruthers as railroad freight stations.

It is asserted by applicant that public convenience and necessity require that Raisin City and Caruthers continue to receive a highway common carrier service by it. The Commission is requested, therefore, to remove the classification of Raisin City and Caruthers as railroad freight stations, as set forth in said Decision No. 26261. This would permit applicant to continue its present highway common carrier service to and from said communities.

After fully considering applicant's request the Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require the continuance of applicant's present highway common carrier operation to and from the communities of Raisin City and Caruthers in connection with and as a part of the operation authorized by Decision No. 26261. It appears this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the order of Decision No. 26261 is hereby amended by the deletion therefrom of Raisin City and Caruthers as "railroad freight stations." Pacific Motor Trucking Company is authorized to continue its highway common carrier service

to and from the communities of Raisin City and Caruthers as a part of and pursuant to all other limitations set forth in the order of said Decision No. 26261 without regard to whether a railroad freight station is maintained at said communities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall be of no force or effect unless and until Southern Pacific Company is authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission to abandon the portion of its Kerman branch from a point near Kerman to the end of said branch.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in all other respects Decision No. 26261 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th
day of February, 1944.

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COMMISSIONERS