

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 39955

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the )  
 Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, for )  
 certificate of public convenience and )  
 necessity for the transportation of prop- ) Application No. 27800  
 erty by motor truck, between Pasadena on )  
 the one hand, and Monrovia on the other )  
 hand. )

Edward Stern, Attorney for applicant. P. F. Garber, City Attorney, and Lawrence R. McNamee, Councilman for the City of Monrovia; Wm. E. Reynolds, for Monrovia Chamber of Commerce; Sargent J. Gray for Day & Night Water Heater Company, interested parties.

O P I N I O N

Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, a Delaware corporation, requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a highway common carrier, as defined in Section 2 3/4 of the Public Utilities Act, between Pasadena and Monrovia.

A public hearing was held at Monrovia on January 23, 1947. Evidence, oral and documentary, having been adduced the matter was submitted for decision.

Applicant seeks to perform a pickup and delivery service of traffic originating at and destined to Monrovia with its motor vehicles permanently located at Pasadena, in lieu of performing the same service with vehicles stationed at Monrovia. Pickup and delivery service is now rendered at Pasadena and Monrovia within the areas as described in applicant's tariff C.R.C. No. 5.

(Twenty-sixth Revision).

The distance between the boundaries of said cities along the proposed route, U. S. Highway No. 66, is approximately four miles.

No additional equipment will be required as the vehicle units now performing the collection and delivery service in Pasadena will be used.

The evidence shows that up to May, 1946, pickup and delivery service was performed in Monrovia by a contract drayman from the station of the Pacific Electric Railway where applicant's present office is located. Since May, 1946, applicant has performed said service with its own employees and its Pasadena equipment, requiring a deadhead or empty movement in both directions between Pasadena and Monrovia.

Applicant has also been informed by the Pacific Electric Railway Company that, due to the crowded condition of the latter's station at Monrovia, it will be necessary to move the express business elsewhere. Arrangements have been made with the Monrovia Van & Storage Company, 141 East Colorado Boulevard, whereby the latter will act as commission agent for the public's convenience, receiving requests for pickup service, accepting outbound traffic and caring for on-hand shipments. Applicant contends that a satisfactory local drayman is not available and that the Monrovia Van & Storage Company is not prepared nor agreeable to performing the pickup and delivery service.

The proposed daily service will result in an earlier morning delivery and a later afternoon pickup at Monrovia, due to the more favorable Pacific Electric schedules at Pasadena. Better service will also result from improved quarters and performance

of pickup and delivery by company employees. Applicant believes that claims and complaints will be handled more promptly and expeditiously. The Monrovia office will be open between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. as at present. The rates now applying at Monrovia will be continued.

Applicant estimates that the proposed service will result in a saving of \$70.03 per month on the basis of the past twelve months' business <sup>(1)</sup>.

The chairman of the transportation committee of the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce and the traffic manager of a company which is a large user of applicant's service testified in favor of the proposed service. The City of Monrovia did not oppose the granting of this application. There was no carrier opposition.

Upon full consideration of the evidence of record in this matter the Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require that this application be granted.

#### O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above-entitled proceeding, the matter having been duly submitted, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and it being found that public convenience and necessity so require,

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(1) For the period January to and including December, 1946, the inbound and outbound interstate and intrastate revenue averaged \$6,597.70 per month with average number of shipments per month of 2,875.

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Railway Express Agency, Incorporated (a Delaware corporation), authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a highway common carrier, as defined by Section 2 3/4 of the Public Utilities Act, between Pasadena and Monrovia.

(2) That, in providing service pursuant to the foregoing certificate applicant shall observe the following service regulations:

- (a) Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the effective date hereof.
- (b) Applicant shall, within sixty (60) days from the effective date hereof and upon not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and the public, establish the service herein authorized and comply with the provisions of General Order No. 80 and part IV of General Order No. 93-A by filing, in triplicate, and concurrently making effective, tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.
- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify such at any time by further order, applicant shall conduct said highway common carrier operation over and along the following route:

U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 66

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of February, 1947.

Harold P. Kuhl  
Justice J. C. Hoover  
James H. Powell  
P. F. Driscoll  
Samuel P. Patten  
COMMISSIONERS