

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 41933

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
JACQUES REUTLINGER, doing business as )  
BONDED DRAYING SERVICE for a certificate) Application No. 29377  
of public convenience and necessity to )  
operate as a common carrier of freight. )

Frank Loughran for applicant  
William M. Casselman for Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company,  
interested party.

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, Jacques Reutlinger, doing business as Bonded Draying Service, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing operations as a highway common carrier between San Leandro, Alameda, Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito and Richmond, hereinafter called East Bay cities, on the one hand, and the Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, on the other hand.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Bradshaw at Fairfield. No one opposed the granting of the application.

Applicant operates a highway common carrier service between San Francisco and the Air Base, pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by Decision No. 41125, dated January 13, 1948, in Application No. 28776. He asserts that requests to conduct a similar service from the East Bay cities have been received. It is proposed to pick up freight in the East Bay every day, load the same upon a line-haul truck and make deliveries at the Air Base the following morning.

If justified by the volume of traffic offered, applicant intends to establish a loading platform in Oakland, at which East

Bay freight will be transferred to a line-haul truck originating at San Francisco; otherwise, the freight will be transported in pickup trucks to San Francisco and there loaded into line-haul equipment. Applicant testified that he has sufficient trucks to conduct the proposed operation and is in a position to obtain additional equipment, if needed.

According to applicant's testimony, about 20 East Bay shippers would be served. He also stated that the Army Medical Supply Depot, from which he has transported shipments to the Air Base, has been transferred from San Francisco to the East Bay and that he desires to continue to participate in the movement of such traffic. It was testified that, when a hospital now under construction at the Air Base is completed, there will be a substantial increase in the number of shipments from the Medical Supply Depot, on which time in transit will be an important element.

The Post Exchange Officer at the Air Base testified that numerous shipments for the Exchange originate in the East Bay. He stated that there is no existing certificated truck service from that area. While shipments by rail arrive at Suisun-Fairfield the following day after shipment, the witness asserted that the proposed service would be advantageous in that it would relieve the Post Exchange of the necessity of sending trucks to pick up shipments at the freight station, a distance of about seven miles from the Air Base.

The testimony also indicates that other departments at the Air Base will in all probability use the proposed service, if established; that applicant has rendered a satisfactory service from San Francisco; and that the same type of service is desired from the

East Bay. According to applicant, the shipments consigned to the Post Exchange constitute about 10 per cent of the total traffic shipped to the Air Base.

A witness for a shipper of soap products and cosmetics at Berkeley testified that his company makes shipments to the Air Base, which at present move by rail, but that a store-door delivery service is desired. It appears that the Army wants its shipments forwarded f.o.b. the Air Base and that this shipper is desirous of being able to comply with the Army's request.

Upon the facts presented, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation of a highway common carrier service between the East Bay cities and the Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, as proposed in the application in this proceeding.

#### O R D E R

A public hearing having been had in the above-entitled proceeding and the Commission, upon the evidence received, having found that public convenience and necessity so require,

#### IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Jacques Reutlinger, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as highway common carrier, as defined in Section 2-3/4 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of freight between San Leandro, Alameda, Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito and Richmond, on the one hand, and the Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base in Solano County, on the other hand.

2. That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted Jacques Reutlinger shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- a. Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed 30 days from the effective date hereof.
- b. Applicant shall 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 appropriate tariffs and time schedules within 60 days from the effective date hereof, and on not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission and the public.
- c. Subject to the authority of the Commission to change or modify it by further order, applicant shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate herein granted over and along the following route:

From San Leandro, Alameda, Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito and Richmond to Fairfield via various streets and highways connecting with U. S. Highway 40, thence U. S. Highway 40;

From Fairfield to Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base via California Highway 12.

Alternate Routing.- Freight originating at San Leandro, Alameda, Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito or Richmond may at applicant's option be transported to San Francisco to be transferred into line-haul equipment for subsequent movement over any route applicant is authorized to transport freight from San Francisco to the Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base.

This order shall become effective 20 days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of August, 1948.

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