

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 45418

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
J. CHRISTENSON CO., a corporation,)	
for a certificate of public conven-)	
ience and necessity to extend its)	Application No. 31827
highway common carrier service to)	
various points and places in)	
California.)	

Willard S. Johnson for applicant

O P I N I O N

By Decision No. 44241, dated May 26, 1950, in Application No. 30872, and Decision No. 44629, dated August 8, 1950, in Application No. 31561, J. Christenson Co., a corporation, the applicant herein, was granted certificates of public convenience and necessity, authorizing the transportation of certain perishable commodities under refrigeration and empty containers between numerous points in central and northern California.

Applicant now seeks authority to extend its highway - common carrier operations so as to serve (1) points located within five miles of certain routes over which it now operates; (2) points located on and within five miles of designated routes in the Monterey area, between Manteca and Oakdale and between Visalia and Porterville; and (3) Hollister. The service between the Visalia-Porterville area and other points now and proposed to be served is to be restricted to shipments weighing 10,000 pounds and over or where the transportation charges are based upon a minimum weight of 10,000 pounds. A public hearing was held before Examiner Bradshaw at San Francisco.

Applicant's vice-president testified that shippers have requested that service be provided at points and places located off some of the routes traversed. It was represented that such a service was required to handle shipments to grocery stores as well as traffic originating at egg shipping facilities and a cheese plant. The witness declared that the present request to serve off-route locations was excluded from the prior applications through oversight.

The same witness testified that applicant has also received requests to serve Monterey, Hollister, Porterville and Oakdale. The commodities to be shipped from or to these points were said to consist of cheese, poultry, eggs, ice cream mix and frozen foods. According to the witness, shippers claim to be experiencing difficulties in shipping perishables from and to these points when refrigeration in transit is required.

It was also testified that applicant has sufficient equipment to conduct the proposed operation. According to the record, this equipment includes over 40 trucks or semi-trailers with insulated bodies and mechanical refrigeration units. In addition, evidence was presented describing applicant's terminal facilities. A balance sheet as of July 31, 1950, and a profit and loss statement for the first seven months of 1950 was received in evidence.

Representatives of four shippers testified on behalf of applicant. They stated that use is made of applicant's present service and that it has proven very satisfactory. These witnesses declared that the proposed service, either to off-route points or the other points embraced in the application, is necessary or desirable. In some instances, the absence of adequate refrigerator-truck service was given as the reason for requiring the service.

No one opposed the granting of the application.

Upon the facts presented, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation of service by applicant as a highway common carrier, as proposed in the application.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been had 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 J. Christenson Co., a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a highway common carrier, as defined in Section 2-3/4 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of the commodities designated in Decision No. 44241, dated May 26, 1950, in Application No. 30872, subject to the conditions and limitations specified therein, between

(a) points located within five (5) miles of the following routes:

1. U. S. Highway 40 between Richmond and Roseville,
2. State Highway 24 between Walnut Creek and Sacramento,
3. State Highway 29 between Vallejo and Napa,
4. U. S. Highway 99-E between Roseville and Chico,
5. U. S. Highway 99-W between Davis and Orland, and
6. State Highway 32 between Chico and Orland;

(b) points located on and within five (5) miles of the following routes:

1. State Highway 1 between Castroville and Monterey,
2. Unnumbered highway between Salinas and Monterey,
3. State Highway 120 between Manteca and Oakdale, and
4. State Highway 198 between Visalia and intersection with State Highway 65; thence State Highway 65 between intersection with State Highway 198 and Porterville; and

(c) Hollister,

on the one hand, and all points which said J. Christenson Co. is authorized to serve pursuant to Decision No. 44241 in Application No. 30872 and Decision No. 44629, dated August 8, 1950, in Application No. 31561, on the other hand.

(2) That the certificate herein granted is subject to the following condition:

Applicant shall not transport any shipment from or to points between Visalia and Porterville, including Porterville, which does not weigh 10,000 pounds or over, unless the transportation charges thereon are based upon a minimum weight of 10,000 pounds.

(3) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, J. Christenson Co. shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- (a) Within thirty (30) days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted.
- (b) Within sixty (60) days after the effective date hereof, 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 on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public.

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of March, 1951.

R. E. Anderson
Justice J. Casper
Harold P. Kule
Kenneth P. Patton
John L. McNeill

COMMISSIONERS