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Decision No. 4790^E

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
C. O. BLISS, doing business as BLISS)
FILM DELIVERY for the extension of)
his certificate of public convenience)
and necessity to authorize the trans-)
portation of motion picture films and)
accessories from Los Angeles to Trona)
and various other points.)

Application No. 33664

Bailey & Poe by Ivan McWhinney, for applicant.
Phil Jacobson for Special Service Transportation
Corporation, Ltd., R. W. Walker and Henry M. Moffatt
for The Atchison, Topcka and Santa Fe Railway Company
and Santa Fe Transportation Company, and Wm. R. Jarnagin
for Western Amusement Co. Inc. and Cummings Theaters,
protestants.

O P I N I O N

C. O. Bliss, doing business as Bliss Film Delivery, now operates a highway common carrier service for the transportation of films between Los Angeles, on the one hand, and Glendora and Covina, on the other hand. Authority is requested to establish a similar service between Los Angeles and several towns and places in the east portion of Kern County and the northwestern portion of San Bernardino County.¹

A public hearing was held in Los Angeles before Examiner Chiesa. Evidence having been adduced, the matter was submitted for decision.

The applicant now serves one theater at Boron, two at Ridgecrest, and two military installations. The two theaters at

¹ Places which applicant has been serving as a permitted carrier are Lancaster, Muroc, Boron, Ridgecrest, Barstow, Victorville, and several nearby military or naval installations. Recently he lost accounts in Lancaster, Barstow, Victorville, and nearby Lenwood, to a competing permitted carrier.

Lancaster are now being served by protestant Special Service Transportation Corporation, Ltd. as a highway common carrier, and three theaters at Barstow and Lenwood and two at Victorville are also now served by said protestant as a permitted carrier. Service is required by said theaters on the average of two times per week.

Applicant testified concerning his present and proposed transportation services. The testimony indicates that he is able and willing to perform the highway common carrier service he proposes. However, only one shipper witness, operating one theater at Boron, testified in support of the application. The service he is now receiving is satisfactory.

We have considered the entire evidence offered by applicant in support of his request and we are of the opinion that he has not presented substantial evidence of public need for the proposed service; therefore, being unable to find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation of a highway common carrier transportation service as proposed, the application will be denied. ✓

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above-entitled proceeding, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and being unable to find that public convenience and necessity require applicant's proposed transportation service as a highway common carrier,

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IT IS ORDERED that the application of C. O. Bliss, doing business as Bliss Film Delivery, being Application No. 33664, be, and it hereby is, denied.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of November, 1952.

R. J. Inman
President

Justin F. Cissner

Harold P. Hulse

Lucretia Dutton

John E. Marshall
Commissioners