

Decision No. 50331**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 A & B GARMENT DELIVERY, a corpora-)
 tion, for the extension of a)
 certificate of public convenience)
 and necessity authorizing the trans-)
 portation of garments, clothing and)
 wearing apparel between Los Angeles,)
 Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa)
 Beach, and various other points in)
 Southern California.)

Application No. 35240

Arlo D. Poe for applicant.O P I N I O N

Applicant operates service as a highway common carrier for the transportation of garments, clothing, and wearing apparel when transported on garment hangers, and merchandise incidental thereto and shipped in company therewith in packages weighing not to exceed eight (8) pounds, between wholesalers and retailers, between Los Angeles and the principal cities and towns in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange Counties as named in the decisions of this Commission previously granted to it or its predecessors. (1)

By this application it is proposed to extend the same kind of service to the cities and towns of Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Gardena, Bell Gardens*, Downey*, Bellflower*, Norwalk* and Lennox*, including service between any and all of said points and any and all of the points presently served by applicant.

(1) Decisions Nos. 35452, 35557, 36225, 38468, 43523, and 44089.

* As said areas are hereinafter described.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Chiesa at Los Angeles on June 9, 1954. Oral and documentary evidence having been adduced, the matter was submitted for decision.

The application is not opposed.

Applicant's president testified concerning the present and proposed operations. Pickups are made, principally in the Los Angeles garment manufacturing area and occasionally along the routes traversed, then the garments are taken to applicant's terminal, where they are routed and written up for drivers who make the deliveries the following morning. Applicant employs 60 persons and uses 42 pieces of equipment. The company is financially sound. Its services are desired by manufacturers and retailers alike because of the convenience in handling ready-to-wear clothing, the time saved in transportation, and the savings which result from the elimination of repressing and packaging.

Six shipper and 10 consignee witnesses testified in support of the application. At least one manufacturer or retailer having a business in each of the cities and towns proposed to be served testified that a need exists for this type of service. Some of the consignees operated stores in several of the communities. It is not deemed necessary to further summarize their testimony. The record is clear that an extension of applicant's service to said communities would be in the public interest, and we so find.

The application will be granted subject to the same restrictions applicable to the service as now performed.

ORDER

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

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to A & B Garment Delivery, a corporation, for the establishment and operation of a highway common carrier service for the transportation of garments, clothing and wearing apparel when transported on garment hangers, and merchandise incidental thereto and shipped in company therewith in packages weighing not to exceed eight pounds, between wholesalers and retailers, between Los Angeles, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Gardena, Bell Gardens, Downey, Bellflower, Norwalk and Lennox, including service between any and all of said points and any and all of the points presently served by applicant.

For the purpose of this decision and certificate herein granted, Bell Gardens, Downey, Bellflower, Norwalk, and Lennox are defined respectively as follows:

BELL GARDENS:

Commencing at the intersection of Florence Avenue and Specht Avenue, thence north on Specht to Gage Avenue, thence east on Gage Avenue to Emil Avenue, thence south on Emil to Clara Street, thence west on Clara Street to Garfield Avenue, thence southwest on Garfield Avenue to Eastern Avenue, thence north on Eastern Avenue to Florence Avenue, thence west on Florence Avenue to point of commencement.

DOWNEY:

Commencing at the intersection of Firestone Boulevard and Old River School Road, thence southeast on Firestone Boulevard to Rives Avenue, thence northeast on Rives Avenue to 6th Street, thence southeast on 6th Street to Lakewood Boulevard, thence southwest on Lakewood Boulevard to Stewart & Gray Road, thence northwest on Stewart & Gray Road to Old River School Road, thence northeast on Old River School Road to point of commencement.

BELLFLOWER:

Commencing at the intersection of Bellflower & Compton Boulevard, thence west on Compton Boulevard to Lakewood Boulevard, thence south on Lakewood Boulevard to southerly boundary of the City of Bellflower, thence east along the southern boundary of the City of Bellflower to Woodruff Avenue, thence north on Woodruff Avenue to Compton Boulevard, thence west on Compton Boulevard to point of commencement.

NORWALK:

Commencing at the intersection of Firestone Boulevard and Fallon Avenue, thence south on Fallon Avenue to Mapledale Street, thence east on Mapledale Street to Seaforth Avenue, thence north on Seaforth Avenue to Sproul Street, thence northwest on Sproul Street to Pioneer Boulevard, thence south on Pioneer Boulevard to Firestone Boulevard, thence northwest on Firestone Boulevard, to point of commencement.

LENNOX:

Commencing at the intersection of Century Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, thence south on Prairie Avenue to Imperial Highway, thence west on Imperial Highway to the westerly boundary of the City of Lennox, thence north along the western boundary of the City of Lennox to 95th Street, thence east on 95th Street to Inglewood Avenue, thence south on Inglewood Avenue to Century Boulevard, thence east on Century Boulevard to point of commencement.

This certificate is granted as an extension and enlargement of the certificate granted by Decision No. 35452, dated June 9, 1942, as amended by Decision No. 35557 dated July 7, 1942, and Decision No. 44089 dated April 25, 1950, and is subject to the following condition:

No property of any kind or type, or in a shipping form not provided for in the foregoing certificate shall be transported from, to, or between points not included within the scope of the certificate in equipment contemporaneously used to provide the service herein authorized. This condition shall not apply to intracity transportation within Los Angeles.

(2) That in the operation of said highway common carrier service, pursuant to the foregoing certificate, A & B Garment Delivery, a corporation, shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

(a) Within thirty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted.

- (b) Within sixty days after the effective date hereof, and upon not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and file in triplicate and concurrently make 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, A & B Garment Delivery shall conduct said highway common carrier service over and along the most appropriate route or routes.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 27th day of July, 1954.

John E. Maxwell
President

Justin J. Calver

Samuel J. Pittel

Donna Ferguson

Commissioners