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Decision No. 50988

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ) WILLIAM B. WALTON, an individual, doing business as WALTON DRAYAGE & ) WAREHOUSE CO., for a certificate of ) public convenience and necessity to ) operate as a highway common carrier.)

Application No. 35171

Daniel W. Baker, for applicant.

Douglas Brookman, William Meinhold, Frederick E.

Fuhrman, Edward M. Berol, Bertram S. Silver,

Thomas P. Brown, Willard S. Johnson and

William E. Shuholm, for various carriers,

protestants.

Russell Bevans, for Draymen's Association of San Francisco; Maurice A. Owens, for Draymen's Association of Alameda County; Norman R. Moon, for Loretz & Co.; Marvin Handler, Frank Loughran, Arthur D. Nearon, and Vaughan, Paul and Lyons by John G. Lyons, for various carriers, interested parties.

# OPINION

Applicant is one of the group of carriers whose problems precipitated the investigation designated by the Commission as Case No. 5535. Hearings were held on this application in connection with that case. Evidence of community growth and the resulting expansion of carrier operations, as developed in Case No. 5535, was found to apply to this applicant and to have materially influenced his activities. In addition, a hearing on this application alone was held before Examiner John Power in Oakland on May 28, 1954. On that occasion applicant presented evidence covering the history, finances, equipment, facilities and personnel of his organization.

Mr. Walton started this business in 1947 with three pieces of equipment. He had been in the transportation business, however, for 26 years up to the time of the hearing. He had previously been assistant superintendent of a large terminal firm. For several years

he had charge of the drayage and warehouse departments of that firm. Since 1948 he has also operated a public warehouse at his terminal site.

Mr. Walton presented a December 31, 1953 balance sheet as an exhibit. It showed total assets of \$27,163.97, total liabilities of \$20,240.20 and proprietary capital of \$6,923.77. The principal weakness in the financial position of applicant is that his ratio of current assets to current liabilities is unfavorable. The current liabilities, however, included sums to be paid in monthly installments throughout the year from income not reflected in the balance sheet. Over-all operations have been profitable in all years reported (1949 through 1953). Drayage operations considered separately were profitable in all years except 1952 in which a small loss was reported. Revenue equipment obligations amounted to \$9,922.17 as of December 31, 1953.

Applicant has offices, a terminal and a warehouse at Alameda about one-half block from the Oakland boundary line. The site is near the Oakland industrial area. The facilities and their areas (in square feet) are given as follows: building (20,000), offices (800), loading platform (1,850), storage yard (10,800) and garage (2,000). The facility is served by a railroad spur track with space for three rail cars. Applicant operates thirteen pieces of equipment including a fork lift and service car.

Applicant has been serving in excess of 55 customers, of whom five testified in support of the application. One of the witnesses represented an association of which 67 department stores and specialty shops are members. Mr. Walton's vehicles made 750 transbay round trips in 1953, thus averaging 2.93 trips per working day.

A traffic exhibit in evidence reveals that a considerable variety of commodities has been carried. Weights have varied from less than five pounds to more than thirty tons.

The evidence shows that applicant has the necessary financial ability, facilities, equipment, experience and personnel to undertake the proposed service. It further shows that the growth of the San Francisco-East Bay community has increased the over-all requirements for common carrier service and has resulted in increased demand for applicant's services. Public convenience and necessity require that the application be granted. This grant will be on the condition, however, that applicant serve the whole of the San Francisco-East Bay Cartage Zone as established in Case No. 5535. Acceptance of the certificate herein granted will be construed as consent to this condition.

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Applicant is placed upon notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, they extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly of a class of business over a particular route. This monopoly feature may be changed or destroyed at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited as to the number of rights which may be given.

### ORDER

Application having been filed and public hearings held thereon and the Commission having considered the same and being of the opinion and finding that public convenience and necessity so require, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

l. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to William B. Walton, doing business as Walton Drayage

- 2. That in providing service pursuant to the authority herein granted, applicant may use any and all streets, roads, highways and
  - Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted.
  - 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 comply with the provisions of General Order No. 80 by filing in triplicate and concurrently making effective tariffs Satisfactory to the Commission.

	The effective date	e of this order shall be February 1, 1955.
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#### APPENDIX "A"

### LINITS OF SAN FRANCISCO-EAST BAY CARTAGE ZONE

San Francisco-East Bay Cartage Zone includes that area embraced by the following boundary:

Beginning at the point where the San Francisco-San Mateo County Boundary Line meets the Pacific Ocean; thence easterly along said boundary line to Lake Merced Boulevard; thence southerly along said Lake Merced Boulevard and Lynnewood Drive to So. Mayfair Avenue; thence westerly along said South Mayfair Avenue to Crestwood Drive; thence southerly along Crestwood Drive to Southgate Avenue; thence westerly along Southgate Avenue to Maddux Drive; thence southerly and easterly along Maddux Drive to a point one mile west of Highway U.S. 101; thence southeasterly along an imaginary line one mile west of and paralleling Highway U.S. 101 (El Camino Real) to its intersection with the southerly boundary line of the City of San Mateo; thence northeasterly, northwesterly, northerly and easterly along said southerly coundary to Bayshore Highway (U.S. 101 Bypass); thence leaving said boundary line and continuing easterly along the projection of last said course to its intersection with Belmont (or Angelo) Creek; thence northeasterly along Belmont (or Angelo) Creek to Seal Creck; thence westerly and northerly to a point one mile south of Toll Eridge Road; thence easterly along an imaginary line one mile southerly and paralleling Toll Bridge Road and San Mateo Bridge and Mt. Eden Road to its intersection with State Sign Route 17; thence continuing easterly and northeasterly along an imaginary line one mile south and southcasterly of and paralleling Mt. Eden Road and Jackson Road to its intersection with an imaginary line one mile easterly of and paralleling State Sign Route 9; thence northerly along said imaginary line one mile easterly of and paralleling State Sign Route 9 to its intersection with "B" Street, Hayward; thence easterly and northerly along "B" Street to Center Street; thence northerly along Center Street to Castro Valley Boulevard; thence westerly elong Castro Valley Boulevard to Redwood Road; thence northerly along Redwood Road to William Street; thence westerly along William Street and 168th Avenue to Foothill Boulevard; northwesterly along Foothill Boulevard to the southerly boundary line of the City of Oakland; thence easterly and northerly along the Oakland Boundary Line to its intersection with the Alameda-Contra Costa County Boundary Line; thence northwesterly along last said line to its intersection with Arlington Avenue (Serkeley); thence northwesterly along Arlington Avenue to a point one mile north-easterly of San Pablo Avenue (Highway U.S. 40); thence northwesterly along an imaginary line one mile casterly of and parelleling San Pablo Avenue (Highway U.S.40) to its intersection with County Road No. 20 (Contra Costa County); thence westerly along County Road No. 20 to Broadway Avenue (also known as Balboa Road); thence northerly along Broadway Avenue (also known as Balboa Road) to Highway U.S. 40; thence northerly along Highway U.S. 40 to Rivers Street; thence westerly along Rivers Street to 11th Street; thence northerly along 11th Street to Johns Avenue; thence westerly along Johns Avenue to Collins Avenue; thence northerly along Collins Avenue to Morton Avenue; thence westerly along Morton Avenue to the Southern Pacific Company right of way and continuing westerly along the prolongation of Morton Avenue to the shore line of San Pablo Bay; thence southerly and westerly along the shore line and waterfront of San Pablo Bay to Point San Pablo; thence southerly along an imaginary line from Foint San Pablo to the San Francisco Waterfront at the foot of Market Street; thence westerly along said waterfront and shore line to the Pacific Ocean; thence southerly along the shore line of the Pacific Ocean to the point of beginning.

The foregoing description includes the following points or portions

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Elmhurst Emeryville Ferry Point Fruitvale Government Island Point Isabel Hayward Lawndale Lomita Park Melrose Millbrae Mills Field Mt. Eden Cakland Oakland Municipal San Francisco
San Francisco International Airport

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APPENDIK "A" (Continued)

MAP SHOWING

## LIMITS OF SAN FRANCISCO - EAST BAY CARTAGE ZONE

