Decision No. 51187



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of ORLIE N. CHESTNUT and KENNETH E. McMURRAY, co-partners doing business as C. & M. TRANSPORTATION, to sell operating rights and properties of a highway common carrier to C. & M. TRANSPORTATION, INC.

Application No. 36642

OPINION

Applicants Orlie N. Chestnut and Kenneth E. McMurray, copartners doing business as C. & M. Transportation, request authority to transfer operative rights as a petroleum irregular route carrier and certain assets to a recently formed corporation known as C. & M. Transportation, Inc., and the further authority to issue stock.

The operative rights were created by Decision No. 44454 dated June 27, 1950 in Application No. 31130.

Applicants propose that the total assets of \$43,248.81 be transferred to C. & M. Transportation, Inc., in consideration of its assumption of total copartnership liabilities amounting to \$18,439.51 and the issuance of 1,000 shares of no par value stock.

As justification for the authority sought it is alleged among other things that the proposed transfer would assure continued operations without interruption in the event of death of one of the partners and would result in certain tax benefits.

After consideration, the Commission is of the opinion and so finds that the proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest and that the issue of stock is reasonably required by C. & M. Transportation, Inc., for the purpose specified herein, and that such purpose is not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income.

(4) That C. & M. Transportation, Inc., shall file a report of the issue of said shares of stock as required by General Order No. 24-A.

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

day of March, 1955.

President

Commissioners