

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 51455

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of: )  
ROUTE TRANSPORTATION, a Corporation, )  
for a certificate of public conven- )  
ience and necessity to transport )  
special commodities by tank vehicles )  
as a highway common carrier between )  
all points and places in the State of )  
California pursuant to Section 1063 )  
of the Public Utilities Code. )

Application No. 36547

Glanz & Russell by Theodore Russell, for applicant.  
Phil Jacobson, for Chancellor & Ogden, Inc.,  
interested party.  
Floyd McColl, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Routh Transportation, a corporation, presently rendering service as a petroleum irregular route carrier requests authority to transport petroleum and related commodities between all points within the State over regular routes in vacuum tank truck equipment.

By Decision No. 44479 dated June 27, 1950, in Application No. 30957, applicant was authorized to transport petroleum and petroleum products in tank trucks and truck trailers as a petroleum irregular route carrier between all points and places in the State. Authority is now sought by this application filed December 8, 1954, to transport in vacuum tank vehicles oil base drilling fluids, clay base drilling fluids, liquid chemicals or acids incidental to drilling of oil or water wells or for use by petroleum refineries, liquid calcium chloride, salt water, fresh water, waste lubricating oils, liquid lime slurry, acetylene waste sludge, liquid natural gas odorant, oil well bell hole pack, oil tank and oil well and oil refinery liquid sludges, industrial liquid sludges, liquid oil and water well waste materials, detergents and vegetable oils and fats and soaps used in oil and water well drilling compounds for production of

oil or water wells, and all liquid or semi-liquid commodities of a similar or like nature requiring special handling in vacuum tank vehicle equipment.

As justification for the authority sought applicant alleges that it and its predecessor, a sole proprietorship, have rendered, in addition to a petroleum carrier service, a complete service to oil fields, oil refineries, oil tank farms, water well drilling sites, and other industrial activities which require the services of a vacuum tank or pump tank carrier; that said service has been provided pursuant to either its petroleum irregular route certificate, city carrier permit, or its radial highway common carrier permit; that recent decisions of the Commission raise some doubt as to the propriety of applicant's continuing to transport some or all of the commodities involved herein pursuant to its permit as a radial highway common carrier; and that the authority prayed for will enable it to continue the service it has provided in the past.

Public hearing was held in Los Angeles before Examiner John A. Rowe on April 14, 1955, at which time oral and documentary evidence was adduced and the matter duly submitted for decision. No one appeared in protest.

This applicant has been carrying on extensive operations pursuant to its petroleum irregular route certificate and, also under its radial and city carrier permits, transporting in vacuum tank truck equipment materials needed in oil well drilling and operating and other incidental waste materials resulting from such industry as well as from oil pipe line breaks.

Frequently the needs of the industry being served are such as to necessitate the transportation, in vacuum tank equipment, of materials not falling under the designation of petroleum or petroleum products regularly between fixed points and over regular routes. To the extent this occurs the radial highway common carrier permit is inadequate to fully authorize applicant's operations.

The Commission finds from the evidence of record that public convenience and necessity require the continuance of applicant's operation as a vacuum tank truck operator under authority as a highway common carrier for the transportation of the commodities as sought in the above-numbered application.

O R D E R

Application therefor having been filed, a public hearing having been held thereon, and the Commission 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 Routh Transportation, a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a highway common carrier, as defined in Section 213 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation in vacuum tank vehicles only between all points and places in the State of California and over and along all streets and highways of the following commodities:

Oil base drilling fluids, clay base drilling fluids, liquid chemicals or acids incidental to drilling of oil or water wells or for use by petroleum refineries, liquid calcium chloride, salt water, fresh water, waste lubricating oils, liquid lime slurry, acetylene waste sludge, liquid natural gas odorant, oil well bell hole pack, oil tank and oil well and oil refinery liquid sludges, industrial liquid sludges, liquid oil and water well waste materials, detergents and vegetable oils and fats and soaps used in oil and water well drilling compounds for production of oil or water wells, and all liquid or semi-liquid commodities of a similar or like nature requiring special handling in vacuum tank vehicle equipment.

(2) That in providing the service herein authorized in paragraph (1) hereof, applicant shall 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 appropriate tariffs.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of May, 1955.

John E. [Signature]  
 President  
Justin J. [Signature]  
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 Commissioners