Decision No. 51630

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of BILL T. SMALL, doing business as BILL T. SMALL VACUUM TRUCK COMPANY for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as a Petroleum Irregular Route Carrier to operate a vacuum tank truck service in Los Angeles County within a radius of 50 miles from Newhall, California, and all of Ventura County, with emergency service to all areas in the State of California being developed or explored for oil.

Application No. 36463 (As amended)

Adrian W. Adams for applicant.

T. A. Smith for T. A. Smith Trucking, protestant.

T. R. Jamar for J. & G. Oil Well Service, and

Gilliard Petroleum Service, Inc., protestants.

OPINION

As amended this application, originally filed November 15, 1954, seeks authority to operate as a vacuum and pump tank truck carrier for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products between all points and places in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura Counties, with the right to operate into all parts of the state in response to emergency calls.

Public hearing was held in Newhall, California, before Examiner Rowe on March 30, 1955. The original application had requested authority to serve in portions of Los Angeles County and in all of Ventura County. Applicant at the hearing requested authority to amend his application to include service to all points and places in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, as well as in Ventura County. This was permitted but a further hearing was set and held in Huntington Beach after all interested parties had been

notified of the amendment and of the second hearing which was hold June 9, 1955, when the matter was duly submitted.

Applicant has had seven years experience in this type of work. He is financially able to carry on the proposed service, having a net worth of approximately seventy-five thousand dollars. Applicant has four vacuum tank trucks and other necessary equipment and facilities. Five public witnesses appeared and testified in support of this application. They represented oil well drilling and operating companies and expressed great confidence in applicant and his service.

Three protestants, who engage in similar operations in the Newhall area, contended that authorization of this service would adversely affect their business. However, there was no testimony to support a finding that their respective services would be curtailed or that the certification of applicant would have any adverse effect upon the public. The Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require that applicant institute and perform service as a petroleum irregular route carrier for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in vacuum tank trucks and, as an incident to said business, also in pump tank trucks serving all points and places in Orange, Los angeles and Ventura Counties. There was no substantial evidence to justify granting applicant authority to render any service beyond said counties.

Bill T. Small is hereby 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, such rights extend to the holder a full or

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this

day of July Calculate

Procident

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Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this preceeding.

Commissioners