

ORIGINALDecision No. 51944

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 CLYDE STURGES, an individual doing)
 business as HUNTINGTON STAGE LINES,) Application No. 37183
 for authority to extend operations)
 as a highway common carrier.)

O P I N I O N

By the Order in Decision No. 40885, paragraphs 3 and 4, Clyde Sturges was granted certain highway common carrier and passenger stage operating rights in lieu of operating authority granted to predecessors.

The transportation of property was authorized along three routes: (1) between Fresno and Big Creek; (2) between Clovis and Pine Ridge; and (3) between Fresno and Dinkey Meadow via Centerville, Piedra (Delpiedra) and Trimmer.

By this application authority is sought to establish and operate a similar highway common carrier service along an alternate route between Trimmer and Dinkey Meadow, via Kirch Flat, Balch Camp, Black Rock, Saw Mill Flat, and Buck Meadow, serving also the off-route points of Kings River Hatchery, Balch Power House, Black Rock Dam and Coolidge Meadow. The area proposed to be served is approximately fifty miles northeasterly of Fresno and twenty miles southeasterly of Shaver Lake.

Applicant's equipment consists of six trucks and two van bodies. His financial condition as of December 31, 1954, consisted of \$11,830 in tangible assets and \$3,209.11 in liabilities.

His net profit for the year was \$3,696. Rates proposed are the minimum rates established by this Commission.

As justification for the proposed service, applicant alleges that the proposed additional route will result in a loop operation with service to three additional off-route points in need of public transportation; that the service would be only "on call"; that the Pacific Gas & Electric Company is constructing dams, tunnels and power houses in the area; and that there will be an increased public demand for applicant's service.

No other common carrier operates in the area.

The Commission having fully considered the matter, is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require the transportation service herein proposed. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not deemed necessary.

O R D E R

Application having been made, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having found 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 Clyde Sturges, authorizing him to establish and operate a highway common carrier service for the transportation of property between Trimmer and Dinkey Meadow along the route hereinafter described, serving also the off-route points hereinafter named, and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of and to be consolidated with the operating authority, between Fresno and Dinkey Meadow, heretofore granted to him.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, there shall be compliance with 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 satisfactory to the Commission.
- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify such at any time, Clyde Sturges shall conduct said highway common carrier operations over and along the following route:

Beginning at Trimmer, thence along unnamed roads via Kirch Flat, Balch Camp, Saw Mill Flat and Buck Meadow to Dinkey Meadow, and serving also the off-route points of Kings River Hatchery, Balch Power House, Black Rock Dam and Coolidge Meadow.

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

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

John E. Mitchell
 President

Justin J. O'Connell

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Commissioners