

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57802

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 LOM THOMPSON, doing business as)
 Thompson Truck Lines, for an exten-)
 sion of his present Certificates of)
 Public Convenience and Necessity to)
 operate an automobile truck service)
 as a highway common carrier for)
 the transportation of general commod-)
 ities between all points and places)
 within Imperial Valley Territory and)
 Los Angeles Territory.)

Application No. 37835

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant Lom Thompson is an individual operating under the trade name and style of Thompson Truck Lines, with his principal place of business in the City of El Centro. For several years last past he has been engaged in transporting general commodities, with certain exceptions, as a highway common carrier between points and places in Los Angeles Territory, Buena Park, Fullerton and Bellflower, on the one hand, and all that portion of Imperial County, California, which lies west of the Main All American Canal to Coachella Valley, on the other hand, all as more specifically set forth in Decision No. 54615.

Applicant seeks the elimination of a restriction in Appendix A to Decision No. 54615 which prohibits the transportation of any shipments of "commodities requiring the use of

special refrigeration or temperature control in specially designed and constructed refrigerated equipment".

Some of the major classes of freight which applicant has transported and is now transporting consists of fresh produce, dairy products and fresh meats. These commodities all require protection from excessive heat while being transported between the Imperial Valley and the Los Angeles Territory. Until recently, fresh produce and eggs were shipped in wooden crates, and applicant accorded such shipments protection from heat by using insulated trailers with corrugated floors and by blowing crushed ice over said shipments. At the present time the shippers of fresh produce and eggs utilize cartons in making said shipments. The fresh produce in large part is vacuum packed in such cartons. The shippers now require dry refrigeration, as the blowing of wet ice on the cartons destroys the same and results in delivery at destination in a damaged condition. Applicant has attempted to protect such shipments by use of dry ice, but the cost of dry ice has been found prohibitive and the service unsatisfactory, in that the cartons placed near the dry ice freeze and cause damage to the produce and eggs.

Applicant also transports large quantities of fresh and cured meats between the points involved, and the shippers have, from experience, found that mechanical refrigeration is better than wet ice or dry ice refrigeration.

The shippers of fresh produce, eggs, dairy products, and fresh and cured meats now demand that mechanically refrigerated equipment be used in transporting said commodities between the points served by applicant. Applicant alleges that the use of such mechanically refrigerated equipment will afford better protection to the shipments, materially reduce the damage, and the operation thereof will not increase the cost of operation to applicant.

Applicant now owns certain trailers with mechanical refrigeration equipment, and a number of insulated trailers which are so constructed as to permit the installation of mechanical refrigeration equipment. He is ready, willing and able to secure the installation of mechanical refrigeration equipment and the required number of insulated trailers needed to properly serve the shipping public, and will so do if this application is granted.

The application is not opposed. The Commission having considered the matter is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require that applicant's request be granted.

Application having been filed, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having found as hereinabove set forth,

IT IS ORDERED:

That Appendix A to Decision No. 54615 be, and it hereby is, amended by substituting first revised Page 2,

attached hereto and made a part hereof, for original Page 2 of said decision.

That within sixty days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall file in triplicate and concurrently make effective tariffs satisfactory to the Commission to reflect the authority herein granted.

That Decision No. 54615 be, and it hereby is, continued in full force and effect as herein amended.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of December, 1958.

[Signature]
President

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Commissioners

Appendix A

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4. Liquids, compressed gases, commodities in semi-plastic form and commodities in suspension in liquids in bulk, in tank trucks, tank trailers, tank semitrailers or a combination of such highway vehicles.
5. Commodities when transported in bulk in dump trucks or in hopper-type trucks.
6. Commodities when transported in motor vehicles equipped for mechanical mixing in transit.

End of Appendix A

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

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