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Decision No.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of FERNE L. BROWN and WILLIAM HOYT dba B & F PICK UP & DELIVERY SERVICE, of Los Angeles, for a permit to operate as a Household Goods Carrier (Appl. No. 19-54792), for the transportation of household goods, Los Angeles, (File No. T-71,553).

Application No. 43930

Fred B. Guenther for applicant; Paul M. Hogan for the Commission's staff; B. E. Bartholemy for California Trucking Associations, Inc., and <u>Charles A. Woelfel</u> for California Moving and Storage Association, interested parties; Jackson W. Kendall for Bekins Van & Storage Co., Bekins Van Lines, Inc., and Bekins Van & Storage, Inc., protestants.

## <u>OPINION</u>

A member of the Commission's staff having determined, after examination and appraisal as provided by Section 5135 of the Public Utilities Code, that applicants were not qualified, the matter was set for hearing.

A public hearing was held in the above-entitled matter at Los Angeles on May 2, 1962, before Examiner Mark V. Chiesa.

Fred B. Guenther, applicants' employee, and William Hoyt, one of the applicant partners, testified that they have had experience in the transportation of property by motor vehicle, the employee in the State of Maine as a trucker for hire, and the partner as an employee of L. A. City Express in the transportation

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of household furnishings for Sears-Roebuck and Co.; that a permit is desired for a restricted area, generally, the western portion of the Los Angeles Basin Territory; that no business is being conducted at present but two suitable pieces of motor vehicle equipment were recently acquired; and that they believe they have sufficient knowledge of Distance Table No. 4 and Minimum Rate Tariff No. 4-A to apply the proper rates and to comply with the terms and conditions thereof. The application shows applicants' net worth as \$21,370.00.

The testimony of a member of the Commission's staff indicates that although applicants' "responsible managing employee" failed a written examination, partially due to the expiration of the allotted time, the latter's knowledge is now such as to qualify applicant for a permit on a limited basis.

Protostants did not present evidence in their behalf, but assisted in the development of the record by their crossexamination.

Upon consideration of the application and examination, and the evidence of qualification presented at the hearing, the Commission finds that applicants possess sufficient knowledge, ability, integrity, financial resources and responsibility to perform the services of a Household Goods Carrier as set forth in the following order:

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IT IS ORDERED that on the effective date of this decision the Secretary of the Commission is directed to cause Household

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Goods Carrier Permit No. 19-54792 to be issued to Ferne L. Brown and William Hoyt, doing business as B & F Pick Up & Delivery Service, inserting therein conditions and restrictions limiting applicants' operation (a) within the Metropolitan Los Angeles Area, as described in Items Nos. 350 and 353 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 4-A as of the date of this order, and (b) to service performed only on an hourly- or piece-rate basis.

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

Dated at San Francisco \_\_\_, California, this /J day of time , 1962. President

Commissioners

Commissioner C. Lyn Fox, being necessarily absent. did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.