

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 73634

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 JOHN E. WHITEHEAD, an individual)
 dba Whitehead Van & Storage, of Los)
 Angeles, for a permit to operate as)
 a household goods carrier (Applica-)
 tion No. 19-60399) statewide (File)
 No. T-87,000).

Application No. 49756
 Filed June 9, 1967

John E. Whitehead, for himself.
Walter H. Eastham, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

This application was heard and submitted December 7, 1967, before Examiner Thompson, at Los Angeles. Notice of hearing was served in accordance with the Commission's procedural rules; there are no protests.

John E. Whitehead, an individual, filed application for a household goods carrier permit. After two examinations and appraisals, as provided in Section 5135 of the Public Utilities Code, of applicant's ability to initiate household goods carrier operations, the Licensing Section of the Commission determined that applicant is not qualified to conduct household goods carrier operations on a statewide basis. The application was therefore set for hearing.

A representative of the Licensing Section testified that he had supervised the examinations given applicant, one on July 13, 1967, and the other on October 19, 1967, had scored the papers and had evaluated the results. He said that on both occasions applicant failed to achieve the minimum passing score of 80 percent; however,

that resulted mainly from the fact that applicant failed to answer correctly any of the questions covering long-distance moving rates and estimating weights of shipments. He stated that he has supervised the administering of examinations to over 100 applicants for household goods carrier permits and it is his opinion that applicant has more knowledge of the rates and regulations governing the transportation of household goods than demonstrated in the written examinations. He said that it is his opinion that applicant has the ability to perform household goods moving at hourly rates or at piece rates. He recommended that applicant be granted a permit limited to the performance of such transportation.

For the past year applicant has been employed by a household goods carrier. He is also attending a school and taking a course in transportation. Applicant has one truck and his financial statement discloses sufficient capital to finance a local moving operation. Applicant stated that, at this time, he would desire a permit authorizing household goods transportation at hourly rates or piece rates within the County of Los Angeles and that after completion of the course in transportation and after further experience in the business, he will seek another opportunity to demonstrate his qualifications to engage in a more extensive operation.

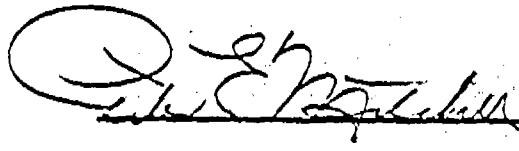
We find that applicant has sufficient knowledge and ability to perform service as a household goods carrier under hourly and piece rates, and that he has the integrity, financial resources and responsibility to perform the services of a household goods carrier as set forth in the following order.

O R D E R


IT IS ORDERED that, on the effective date of this decision, the Secretary of the Commission is directed to cause a household goods carrier permit to be issued to John E. Whitehead, an individual, doing business as Whitehead Van & Storage, inserting therein conditions and restrictions limiting applicant's operation (a) to distances of fifty constructive miles or less within Los Angeles County; and (b) to service performed only on an hourly or piece-rate basis as described in Items 330 and 340 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 4-B, as of the date of this order.


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

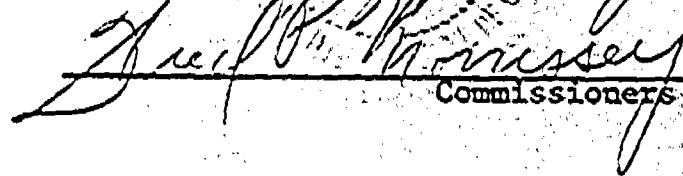
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of JANUARY, 1968.



President







Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.