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Decision 84 06 097

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of VENTURA CRANE, INC. for a)	
certificate of public convenience)	Application 84-03-04
and necessity to operate as a)	(Filed March 1, 1984)
highway common carrier under)	
Public Utilities Code Section 1063.)	
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O P I N I O N

Ventura Crane, Inc., a California corporation, seeks authority as a highway common carrier to transport general commodities between all points and places in California with the exception of shipments where the origin and destination are both located within (a) the territory comprised of the Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, and Piedmont; (b) the County of San Diego; and (c) the City and County of San Francisco.

Applicant does not currently hold operating authority from this Commission. In addition to this application, applicant intends to apply for a highway contract carrier permit and a heavy-specialized carrier permit.

Applicant provided the following summary of its experience and ability to conduct the proposed operation:

"Having operated as a crane service since 1979, applicant corporation has the experience and ability to conduct a for-hire transportation operation. Applicant's employees are familiar with the transportation needs of the oil and construction industries having provided numerous services related to transportation. Applicant's

employees have loaded and unloaded trucks, and been involved in the erection and dismantling of machinery before and after its transportation. Applicant's employees are experienced in the movement of heavy equipment on the public highways. Much of the transportation that applicant intends to perform is specialized and will be subject to Highway Contract Carrier and Heavy-Specialized Carrier authority for which applicant intends to apply. Some of applicant's hauling will be machinery, materials and other commodities transported on flatbed semi-trailers. This transportation is subject to Commission rate regulation and applicant must operate as a common carrier in order to serve its shippers properly, as described in Exhibit II. Applicant's familiarity with the shippers, shipping practices, equipment, and general operations of the oil and construction industries enable applicant to conduct the proposed operation."

Applicant has listed five shippers who support this application. They are: Dave's Building Supplies, Inc. and Argo Petroleum of Santa Paula; Jordan Construction of Ventura; Newhall Refining of Newhall; and Burhoe Construction of Oxnard. Applicant states that it intends to purchase three 3-axle tractors, three low-bed semitrailers, and six high-bed semitrailers upon the grant of the authority sought by this application. Applicant's balance sheet as of September 30, 1983 shows its total assets were \$651,647, its total liabilities were \$553,947, and its stockholder's equity was \$97,700.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of March 6, 1984. No protests have been received.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant possesses satisfactory fitness and financial responsibility to conduct the proposed transportation services.
2. Public convenience and necessity require the service proposed by applicant.
3. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
4. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact upon the energy efficiency of highway carriers.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.
6. Intrastate service by applicant should be commenced as soon as possible.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

Only the amount paid to the State for operative rights may be used in rate fixing. The State may grant any number of rights and may cancel or modify the monopoly feature of these rights at any time.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Ventura Crane, Inc., a California corporation, authorizing it to operate as a highway common carrier, as defined in PU Code Section 213, between the points listed in Appendix A.

2. Applicant shall:

- a. File a written acceptance of this certificate within 30 days after this order is effective.
- b. Establish the authorized service and file tariffs within 120 days after this order is effective.
- c. State in its tariffs when service will start; allow at least 10 days' notice to the Commission; and make tariffs effective 10 or more days after this order is effective.
- d. Comply with General Orders Series 80, 100, 123, and 147, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.
- e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.
- f. Comply with General Order Series 84 (collect-on-delivery shipments). If applicant elects not to transport collect-on-delivery shipments, it shall file the tariff provisions required by that General Order.

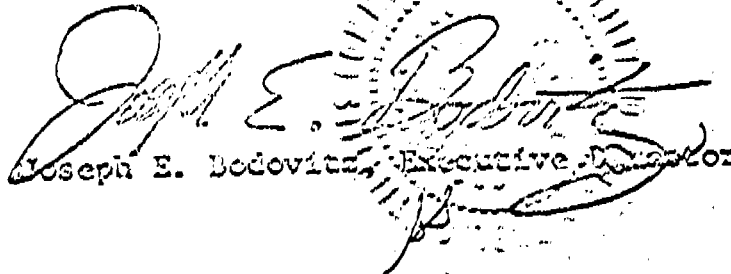
- g. Comply with General Orders Series 102 and 130. If applicant elects to engage subhaulers, applicant shall have the required bond on file, and applicant shall engage only highway carriers who hold appropriate operating authority granted by this Commission.
3. The application is granted as set forth above. ✓
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.
Dated June 6, 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

VICTOR CALVO
DONALD VIAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

Commissioner Priscilla C. Grew,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

Ventura Crane, Inc., by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to conduct operations as a highway common carrier as defined in Public Utilities Code Section 213 for the transportation of general commodities as follows:

Between all points and places in the State of California, except:

1. Shipments whose origin and destination are both located within the territory comprised of the cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland and Piedmont.
2. Shipments whose origin and destination are both located within San Diego County.
3. Shipments whose origin and destination are both located within the city and county of San Francisco.

Except that under the authority granted, carrier shall not transport any shipments of:

1. Used household goods and personal effects, office, store, and institution furniture and fixtures.
2. Automobiles, trucks, and buses, new and used.

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3. Ordinary livestock.
4. Liquids, compressed gases, commodities in semiplastic form, and commodities in suspension in liquids in bulk in any tank truck or tank trailer.
5. Mining, building, paving, and construction materials, except cement or liquids, in bulk in dump truck equipment.
6. Commodities when transported in motor vehicles equipped for mechanical mixing in transit.
7. Portland or similar cements, either alone or in combination with lime or powdered limestone, in bulk or in packages, when loaded substantially to capacity.
8. Articles of extraordinary value.
9. Trailer coaches and campers, including integral parts and contents when contents are within the trailer coach or camper.
10. Commodities requiring the use of special refrigeration or temperature control in specially designed and constructed refrigerator equipment.
11. Explosives subject to U.S. Department of Transportation regulations governing the transportation of hazardous materials.
12. Fresh fruits, nuts, vegetables, logs, and unprocessed agricultural commodities.

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13. Any commodity, the transportation or handling of which, because of width, length, height, weight, shape, or size, requires special authority from a governmental agency regulating the use of highways, roads, or streets.
14. Transportation of liquid or semisolid waste, or any other bulk liquid commodity in any vacuum-type tank truck or trailer.
15. Commodities and geographic areas exempt from rate regulation as described in Commission publication "Commodities and Geographic Areas Exempt from Rate Regulation" or successive reissues thereof.

In performing the service authorized, carrier may make use of any and all public streets, roads, highways, and bridges necessary or convenient for the performance of this service.

(END OF APPENDIX A)

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