

Decision No. 12702

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of Lewis A. Monroe, as Agent for  
Los Angeles and Oxnard Daily Ex-  
press, for Authority to Readjust  
Class Rates between Los Angeles  
and Santa Susana, Simi, Moore Park,  
Somis, Camarillo, El Rio and Oxnard.

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In the Matter of the Application  
of Lewis A. Monroe, as Agent for  
Los Angeles and Santa Barbara Motor  
Express Company, Inc., for Authority  
to Readjust Class Rates between  
Los Angeles and Fillmore, Santa Paula,  
Saticoy and Ventura.

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In the Matter of the Application  
of Lewis A. Monroe, as Agent for  
Tucker's Truck and Transportation Co.,  
for Authority to Readjust Class Rates  
between Los Angeles and Santa Paula  
and Saticoy.

APPLICATION NO. 12705

Philip Jacobson and Lewis A. Monroe, for Applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

These are applications filed by Lewis A. Monroe, as Agent for the Los Angeles and Oxnard Daily Express; Los Angeles and Santa Barbara Motor Express Company, Inc., and Tucker's Truck and Transportation Company, hereinafter referred to as the Oxnard Express, Santa Barbara Express, and Tucker's Truck Line respect-

ively, seeking authority to readjust their scale of class rates,- first, second, third and fourth, applicable to the transportation of property by motor truck between Los Angeles on the one hand and on the other, points west thereof, as more specifically hereinafter described.

The issues involved being similar and the evidence submitted having been, by stipulation, made a part of the record in each proceeding, these applications may be disposed of in one report.

Public hearings were held before Examiner Geary at Los Angeles May 20, 1926 and the applications having been duly submitted are now ready for our opinion and order.

The Oxnard Express operates between Los Angeles, Santa Susana, Simi, Moore Park, Somis, Camarillo, El Rio and Oxnard; the Santa Barbara Express between Los Angeles and Fillmore, Santa Paula, Saticoy and Ventura; and Tucker's Truck Line between Los Angeles and Santa Paula and Saticoy. These points are all in close proximity in the same general territory and it is proposed to place them on a rate parity by establishing a uniform scale of class rates of 60 cents first class, 50 cents second class, 40 cents third class and 30 cents fourth class. There is no exact uniformity at the present time in the volume of the rates via the three lines, with the result that at competitive points the charges are on a slightly different basis. For example, between Los Angeles and Saticoy the rates via the Santa Barbara Express are 62½ cents first class, 47 cents second class, 39½ cents third class and 31½ cents fourth class, while via Tucker's Truck

Line the first class rate is 60 cents, second class 47 cents, third class 40 cents and fourth class 30 cents. This lack of uniformity has been the object of complaint from the shipping public and has likewise created an unsatisfactory rate adjustment for the carriers.

The rates proposed will result in both increases and reductions. Under the proposed adjustment the second class rate of the Oxnard Express will be increased 5 cents, and no change will be made in the first, third and fourth classes. On the Santa Barbara Express the first and fourth class rates will be reduced  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents respectively, and the second and third class rates will be increased 3 cents and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cent respectively. Via the Tucker Truck Line the only change made will be in increasing the second class rate 3 cents.

The record indicates that the major portion of the tonnage handled moves under fourth class rates, which via the Oxnard Express and Tucker's Truck Line will not be changed and via the Santa Barbara Express will be reduced  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

Exhibits submitted covering traffic checks for the month of February indicate that the operating revenue under the proposed adjustment will not be materially affected, the Oxnard Express and Tucker's Truck Line showing small increases and the Los Angeles and Santa Barbara Express slight reductions.

There was no opposition to the granting of the applications.

Upon consideration of all the facts of record we are of the opinion and find that the applicants should be authorized to readjust their class rates as set forth in the applications

and that the applications should be granted.

O R D E R

These applications having been duly submitted, full investigation of the matters and things involved having been had and basing this order on the findings of fact and the conclusions contained in the opinion which precedes this order, which said opinion is made a part hereof,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Los Angeles and Oxnard Daily Express; Los Angeles and Santa Barbara Motor Express Company, Inc., and Tucker's Truck and Transportation Company, be and they are hereby authorized to publish upon not less than ten (10) days' notice to the Commission and to the Public, in tariffs constructed in accordance with the rules of the Commission, the class rates as set forth in the applications.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1926.

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Commissioners.