

Decision No. 17018

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of California Highway Express, Inc.,)
and Consolidated Furniture Moving) Application No. 12666
Company, Inc., for permission to)
establish joint rates and through)
routes.)

Harry N. Blair, for applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed jointly by the California Highway Express, Inc., and Consolidated Furniture Moving Company, Inc., seeking authority to establish and maintain for the transportation of household and office furniture and equipment, baggage and personal effects, household goods, trunks and pianos joint rates between points as set forth in the application served by the California Highway Express in the territory north of Los Angeles to and including San Francisco via Santa Barbara and Bakersfield on the one hand, and on the other, points served by the Consolidated Furniture Moving Company in the territory between San Francisco, Hayward, San Jose, Stockton, Richmond, Vallejo, Davis, Sacramento, Sausalito, San Rafael, Napa and Santa Rosa.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Geary at Los Angeles May 20, 1926 and the application having been duly submitted is now ready for our opinion and order.

Applicants are now engaged as common carriers for the transportation of household goods, furniture, etc. under tariffs lawfully on file with this Commission. The operative right of the California Highway Express extends from Los Angeles to San Francisco

via the Coast Route through Santa Barbara and also via the Valley Route through Bakersfield. The Consolidated Furniture Moving Company operates between San Francisco and Sacramento via Tracy and Stockton and via Vallejo and Davis; between San Francisco and Santa Rosa via Sausalito and San Rafael and between Vallejo and Santa Rosa via Napa and Sonoma. Both companies also serve the points situated within a radius of 25 miles on each side of the main highways traversed.

The record indicates a considerable and constant demand from the shipping public for a through route between points on applicants' respective lines and for the establishment of joint rates. It is claimed, because of the inherent nature of furniture and household goods, that the transferring of shipments at junction points is an exceedingly unsatisfactory arrangement because of the difficulty in handling and rehandling and the risk of loss and damage to the property. The present method of transferring at the interchange points is vigorously protested by the shipping public, and has resulted in the loss of much business to applicants, the public preferring to ship via a through service.

Applicants contemplate using the same auto truck from point of origin to final destination under a lease arrangement whereby the truck of the originating line will be turned over to, and operated by, the destination line from the junction point to the ultimate destination of the consignment.

The rates proposed are based on the full combination of local rates less 40¢ per 100 pounds when the through rate is made up of two local rates; 80¢ per 100 pounds when three local rates are used and 40¢ per 100 pounds for each additional local rate over three used in the combination. The deductions of 40¢ or the multiples thereof represent the present loading and unloading charges.

Upon consideration of all the facts of record we are of the opinion and find that applicants should be authorized to establish and maintain for the transportation of household and office furniture and equipment, baggage and personal effects, household goods, trunks and pianos, joint rates as set forth in the application, between points served by the California Highway Express on the one hand and on the other, points served by the Consolidated Furniture Moving Company as specifically set forth in the application, such rates to be based on the full combination of local rates less 40¢ per 100 pounds when the through rate is made up of two local rates; 80¢ per 100 pounds when three local rates are used and 40¢ per 100 pounds for each additional local rate over three used in the combination, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the authority granted herein will not be construed as enlarging, altering, or changing in any manner applicants respective individual operative rights.

2. That specific point to point joint rates for this service will be published in a tariff constructed according to the rules of this Commission, together with the rules and regulations governing the transportation of the property.

O R D E R

This application having been duly heard and 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 preceding this order, which is hereby referred to and made a part hereof,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED; that applicants, California Highway Express, Inc., and Consolidated Furniture Moving Company, Inc., be, and they are, hereby authorized to establish joint rates for the transportation of household and office furniture and equipment,

baggage and personal effects, household goods, trunks and pianos between the points served by the California Highway Express on the one hand, and on the other, points served by the Consolidated Furniture Moving Company, as specifically set forth in the application, such joint rates to be based on the full combination of local rates, less 40¢ per 100 pounds when the through rate is made up of two local rates; 80¢ per 100 pounds when three local rates are used and 40¢ per 100 pounds for each additional local rate over three used in the combination, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the authority granted herein will not be construed as enlarging, altering, or changing in any manner applicants respective individual operative rights.

2. That specific point to point rates for this service rendered will be published in a tariff constructed according to the rules of this Commission, together with the rules and regulations governing the transportation of the property.

Dated at San Francisco, California this 29th day of June, 1926.

H. B. Anderson

P. J. Leary

Ernest Scott

Commissioners.