Decision No. 27385

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Metter of the Application of VALLEY MOTOR LINES, INC., a corporation, and HIGHWAY TRANSPORT COMPANY, a corporation, to interchange express matter at San Jose, California, in connection with the trans - portation of property between points located on or beyond the lines of Highway Transport Company, and points on or beyond the lines of Valley Motor Lines, Inc., for Valley Express Co., an express corporation, in lieu of transferring the said property at San Francisco, California.

Application No.19580

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BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION

Applicants herein, certificated automotive carriers of property, request the removal of their present disability from transferring certain shipments of Valley Express Co. Valley Motor Lines, Inc. operates between at San Jose. Fresno and San Francisco, via San Jose, and trasports under contract shipments for Valley Express Co., an express corpor-Valley Motor Lines, Inc. is not authorized to serve ation. San Jose nor points intermediate to San Francisco and hence transports all express matter to San Francisco, a distance of Highway Transport Company also transports express for Valley Express Co. over its entire system from San Francisco to San Jose, Salinas, Monterey and Santa Cruz and exchanges such shipments at its San Francisco terminal. They then retrace the route to San Jose and to other points, including those intermediate to San Francisco and San Jose.

Applicants, by securing authority to transfer such express shipments at San Jose, facilitate distribution in all directions over Highway Transport system and without many hours delay and avoiding 102 miles extra travel between San Jose and San Francisco.

Railway Express Agency, Inc. has waived objection to the request. Southern Pacific Company and Pacific Motor Transport Company, while not formelly protesting nor requesting a public hearing, have urged that granting the request would, indirectly, permit Valley Motor Lines, Inc., through its contract with Valley Express Co., (ownership of each is identical), to serve San Jose without first procuring certificate of public necessity However, such service is now rendered by the therefor. round-about delivery at Sar Francisco to the delay of express The present request is only for the volume of shipments. express and does not contemplate freight service by Valley Motor Lines, Inc. Analogy is found in many of the operations of Pacific Motor Transport Company for which authority has been granted.

The request appears to be in public interest in expediting transportation that now suffers an unnecessary delay. The application will be granted.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Valley Motor Lines, Inc. and Highway Transport Company, a corporation, be and each is hereby authorized to transfer, each to the other, shipments consigned over their lines or systems by Valley Express Co. at San Jose (in place of San Francisco), provided, that such transfer shall be limited to shipments so consigned and to no other property.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24 day of September, 1934.

COMMISSIONERS.