

Decision No. 31607

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of SACRAMENTO-CORNING FREIGHT)
LINES, LTD., a corporation; and)
HUMBOLDT MOTOR STAGES, INC., a)
corporation, for authority to)
file a tariff permitting appli-)
cants to charge joint rates be-)
tween designated points and places.)

Application No. 23613

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are common carriers engaged in the business of transporting property over the public highways. Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd. operates between Sacramento and Redding and Humboldt Motor Stages, Inc. between Redding and Hayfork, Forks of Salmon and Eureka. By this application they seek authority to establish joint rates from Sacramento to Hayfork, Forks of Salmon, Eureka and intermediate points on the Humboldt Motor Stages' line. In the main, the proposed rates are materially lower than combinations of applicants' existing local rates, but somewhat higher than the minimum rates prescribed by the Commission for continuous through movement between the points involved.¹

In support of the authority sought, it is represented that competing common carriers maintain regular service under joint rates from San Francisco Bay points to the territory

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The minimum rates referred to were prescribed by Decision No. 31606 of December 27, 1938, as amended, in Case No. 4246, in re Rates of All Common and Highway Carriers (41 C.R.C. 671).

involved but that from Sacramento joint rates maintained by those carriers are limited to Eureka and Arcata traffic. Applicants urge that they are losing Eureka and Arcata business to the competing carriers due to inequality of rates and, therefore, here seek a rate parity. With respect to the adjustment as a whole, applicants point out that the rates sought are generally lower than the existing rates over their lines and that rates lower than those proposed would not permit them to render a dependable daily service, such as they contemplate, on a compensatory basis.

Competing carriers have been notified by the applicants and have offered no objection to the granting of the application.

Upon consideration of the facts of record we are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the establishment of the proposed rates will be in the public interest, except to the extent that the proposed rates are higher than existing combinations of local rates. The application will be granted to the extent indicated.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants, Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd. and Humboldt Motor Stages, Inc., be and they are hereby authorized to establish the rates proposed in this application for the transportation of property from Sacramento to Hayfork, Forks of Salmon, Eureka, and intermediate points, except to the extent that the said proposed rates may exceed combinations of their existing local rates between the same points; and that said applicants may establish rates equal to the existing combination rates in instances where such rates are lower than those proposed.

The authority herein granted is void unless the rates authorized are published within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of October, 1940.

Ray & Rice
Frank Bennett
Randolph
H. BAKER
Justus J. Cuemer
Commissioners.