

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 35145

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 VALLEY MOTOR LINES, INC., a corpora-)
 tion, and SACRAMENTO-CORNING FREIGHT) Application No. 23904
 LINES, LTD. to interchange motor)
 vehicle equipment at Sacramento and)
 establish a joint through service.)

WILLARD S. JOENSON, for Applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Valley Motor Lines, Inc. and Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd. by the above-entitled joint application, as amended, seek authority to interchange motor vehicle equipment at Sacramento when such equipment contains the loadings of Valley Express Co. and Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd.

Public hearing was held in this matter at Williams January 26, at Willows and Orland January 27, at Redding January 28, and at Red Bluff and Corning January 29, all in 1942, before Examiner Howard. The proceeding was submitted at Corning on the last-mentioned date, with permission granted applicants thereafter to file an amended application in order to more clearly specify the relief sought. Such amended application has been received and considered, together with the testimony and evidence of record.

Both applicants are highway common carriers. Valley Motor Lines, Inc. operates between various points in Central California, including San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley,

Emeryville and San Leandro, hereinafter referred to as San Francisco Bay points, and Sacramento. Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd. operates between Sacramento, Redding and all intermediate points.

The record shows that Valley Express Co. operates as an express corporation transporting property between San Francisco Bay points, Fresno and Stockton, on the one hand, and points on the lines of Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd. between Sacramento and Corning, including the latter, on the other hand. Applicants, as underlying carrier, transport the traffic of Valley Express Co. between points on their respective lines pursuant to express privilege agreements on file with the Commission. Valley Express Co. publishes joint rates with Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd. and the two companies render a joint service between San Francisco Bay points, Fresno and Stockton, on the one hand, and points on the line of Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd. north of Corning, to and including Redding, on the other hand. The rates, rules and regulations governing all of such transportation are set forth in Valley Express Co.'s tariff No. 9-A, C.R.C. No. 8.

Applicants request authority to interchange motor vehicle equipment at Sacramento when such equipment contains the loadings of Valley Express Co. and/or the joint loadings of Valley Express Co. and Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines moving under through rates contained in Valley Express Co.'s tariff No. 9-A. Physical transference of the traffic of Valley Express Co. and the joint traffic of Valley Express Co. and Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd. from the equipment of one applicant to that of the other must take place at Sacramento under existing

conditions. The purpose of this application is to eliminate the necessity for the physical interchange of loadings which is expensive, results in needless delay, and causes damage to traffic because of additional handling.

Two operating witnesses testified on behalf of applicants. It was shown by their testimony that if the application is granted, service from San Francisco Bay points to Redding will be improved from a second-day delivery to a next-morning service. These witnesses also estimated that there would be a saving to applicants of approximately \$2.95 per ton in the handling of traffic under the proposed plan.

Numerous shipper witnesses testified at Williams, Willows, Orland, Corning, Red Bluff and Redding. All favored granting the application. They stated that the improved service was needed, would be an advantage to their businesses, and would be used by them.

No one appeared at the hearing to protest or oppose the granting of the application.

The Commission has fully considered this matter and finds that public convenience and necessity require that the application be granted.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Valley Motor Lines, Inc. and Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd. are authorized to interchange motor vehicle equipment at Sacramento when such equipment contains the traffic of Valley Express Co. or the joint loadings of Valley Express Co. and Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd..

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Valley Motor Lines, Inc.
and Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd. shall:

1. File a written acceptance of the authority herein granted within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date hereof.
2. File within a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date hereof and on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission and reflecting the authority hereinbefore granted.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day
of March, 1942.

Justus J. Coles
W. L. Rice
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Francis R. Haver
Richard H. H.
COMMISSIONERS