

Decision No. 39047

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
 HIGHWAY TRANSPORT, INC., a corporation,
 and CANTON TRANSBAY EXPRESS, INC., a
 corporation, for authority to establish
 joint rates for the transportation of
 property between Alameda, Berkeley,
 Emeryville, Oakland, and San Francisco
 on the one hand, and points on the
 lines of Highway Transport, Inc., with
 certain exceptions, on the other hand.

Application No. 27385

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, as amended, Highway Transport, Inc., and Canton Transbay Express, Inc., highway common carriers, seek authority to establish through routes and joint rates, and to operate through equipment, for the transportation of property.

Highway Transport operates between San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Hollister, Pacific Grove, Soledad and intermediate points. Canton Transbay is engaged in operations between San Francisco and Alameda, Oakland, Emeryville and Berkeley. It is proposed to establish joint class rates and charges between the East Bay cities mentioned and all points served by Highway Transport, with the exception of those located along the coastal area north of Santa Cruz,¹

Applicants urge in their verified application that the establishment of joint rates in connection with their respective operations will (1) permit of a more economical, efficient, and improved transportation service and (2) be of such financial assistance as to enable them to expand their operations between the

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Typical points in the territory in which it is not proposed to establish joint rates are Half Moon Bay, Pescadero, La Honda and Davenport.

points involved. In support of these assertions, it is stated that, inasmuch as applicants are controlled by the same shareholders, there exists a unity of interest between them; that it is proposed to operate through equipment, providing expeditious overnight service to all points; and that, by discontinuing present interchange methods, loss and damage claims will be reduced. The reason assigned for excluding the coastal area north of Santa Cruz is that the tonnage is insufficient to justify joint rates to and from the East Bay.

Highway Transport is at present a party to joint rates in connection with Haslett Warehouse Company on traffic moving between the points here under consideration. Applicants point out, however, that the present proposal contemplates that rates will be published for weight brackets to and including 10,000 pounds, whereas the joint-rate arrangement between Highway Transport and Haslett Warehouse Company does not provide for similar rates on shipments weighing over 4,000 pounds.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of this application and have offered no objections.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Highway Transport, Inc., a corporation, and Canton Transbay Express, Inc., a corporation, be and they are hereby authorized to establish joint through routes, rates, rules and regulations and to operate through equipment for the transportation of freight between the points set forth in Exhibit "B" attached to the application herein; and that the rates, rules and regulations herein authorized may be published and filed on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the

public.

The authority herein granted shall be void unless the rates, rules and regulations authorized in this order are published, filed and made effective within sixty (60) days from the effective date hereof.

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of June, 1946.

Harold Anderson
Justin F. Calmer
Francis C. ...
Irving H. Powell
Harold F. Kule
 Commissioners