

Decision No. 43754

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation )  
into the rates, rules, regulations, )  
charges, allowances and practices )  
of all common carriers, highway )  
carriers and city carriers relating )  
to the transportation of property. )

Case No. 4808

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SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Decision No. 43462 of October 25, 1949, as amended, in this proceeding, prescribed increased minimum rates for the transportation of property by common and highway carriers for distances of 150 miles and less. It directed common carriers to establish the required adjustments in their tariffs not later than December 20, 1949. Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, seeks temporary relief from making the required increases.

Only petitioner's commodity rates are involved. In Application No. 30784, scheduled for public hearing on February 23, 1950, it seeks authority to increase its commodity rates generally by 21 per cent. Petitioner expects that this increase, if granted, will produce rates no lower than the rates required by Decision No. 43462. It asks to be relieved from raising its rates pursuant to Decision No. 43462 until after a decision is reached in Application No. 30784, whereupon it will immediately make the required check of its tariffs and fully comply with Decision No. 43462.

Petitioner alleges that Decision No. 43462, for some undetermined reason, did not reach the proper department in its organization and that a letter from the Commission, dated December 30, 1949, and referring to compliance with the decision, was the first knowledge that its Traffic Department had of the order. It asserts that its rates, with few exceptions, are substantially higher than the rates of other carriers; that its tariffs are constructed along different

lines than those of rail and highway carriers; and that voluminous and detailed rate studies are required to ascertain each commodity rate which may be below the Decision No. 43462 basis. The sought authority, petitioner claims, would relieve it from burdensome duplication of work and the additional expense attending the making of two rate adjustments instead of one.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of the petition. No objection to its being granted has been offered.

The showing is persuasive that the sought temporary relief is justified. The petition, as amended, will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, be and it is hereby relieved from the tariff filing requirements of Decision No. 43462 of October 25, 1949, as amended, in this proceeding, until thirty (30) days after disposition of Application No. 30784, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1950.

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Commissioners