

Decision No. 44123

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

**ORIGINAL**

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Glen Scholl and Steve Ryan, copartners doing business as Mariposa Express, conduct highway common carrier operations between Merced and Midpines (Mariposa County) and intermediate points. They established, effective April 1, 1950, the increased minimum charges for small shipments prescribed by Decision No. 43861 of February 28, 1950, for general application throughout northern California. By petition filed April 19, 1950, they seek authority to restore the lower minimum charges they previously maintained.

Petitioners serve a rural area. The service involved is used by residents as an alternative to driving into town in their own automobiles. It is not competitive with other carriers. Petitioners believe that the increased minimum charges will reduce rather than increase their revenues. They point out that Scholl, who formerly conducted the operations, had authority to deviate from the general basis of minimum charges (Decision No. 40125 of April 1, 1947). Petitioners allege that the copartnership should have applied for like authority but instead filed the increased minimum charges through error. They desire to correct this error as promptly as possible and ask that they be permitted to file the reductions involved on one day's notice.

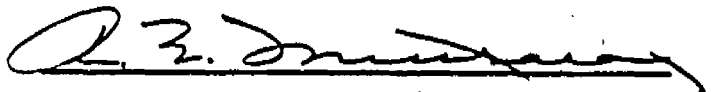
The conditions under which petitioners operate are similar to those prevailing in other rural areas where common carriers have been authorized to deviate from the minimum rates and charges for small shipments. The proposed reinstatement of lower minimum charges on short notice appears justified. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Glen Scholl and Steve Ryan, co-partners doing business as Mariposa Express, be and they are hereby authorized to establish and maintain the minimum charges proposed in the above-referred to petition, and to publish and file such charges not earlier than one (1) day after the effective date of this order and on not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and to the public.

This order shall become effective ten (10) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1950.







  
Commissioners

Commissioner Justus E. Craemer, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.