

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 46528

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
Merchants Express Corporation to)
cancel joint rates with Peoples) Application No. 32944
Express Company and Haslett Warehouse)
Company.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Merchants Express Corporation operates as a highway common carrier. Its operations include service between the East Bay points of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland and Piedmont, on the one hand, and Vallejo, Mare Island and points in Marin and Sonoma Counties, on the other. Peoples Express Company, an express corporation, and Haslett Warehouse Company, a highway common carrier, both serve the same East Bay points as Merchants but do not operate to Vallejo, Mare Island, and Marin and Sonoma Counties. Merchants maintains joint rates with Peoples between the East Bay points and Marin and Sonoma County points, and with Haslett between the East Bay points and Vallejo and Mare Island.

Merchants now seeks authority to cancel the above-described joint rates. Its verified application shows that these rates were originally established by its predecessors which did not serve all of the East Bay points; that it maintains local rates at the same levels as the joint rates; that service under the joint rate arrangements involves additional handling; that this service is not as satisfactory as applicant's local service; and that for the past twelve months no shipments have been transported under the joint rates in question.

The other carriers parties to the joint rates have been notified of the filing of the application. They have offered no objection to its being granted.

It appears that the proposed cancellation of the joint rates is not adverse to the public interest. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above-entitled application be and it is hereby granted.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of December, 1951.

R. F. Smith
President
Justus J. Galloway
Harold A. Kuli
Samuel D. Fottrell
John E. Mitchell
Commissioners