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Decision No. 47714

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Coast Line Truck Service, Inc., a corporation, and other designated highway common carriers to establish joint rates.

Application No. 33658

OPINION AND ORDER

In the above-entitled application, as amended, 36 highway common carriers seek authority to establish joint through rates. Eleven of the carriers operate between northern and southern California metropolitan areas. These carriers are described in the application as the "long line carriers." The remaining applicants operate between the northern metropolitan areas and other northern California points and between the southern metropolitan areas and other southern California points. These carriers are described in the application as the "short line carriers." Applicants propose to establish, on not less than five days' notice,

They are: Coast Line Truck Service, Chas. P. Hart Transportation Co., Consolidated Freightways, Savage Transportation Co., Western Truck Lines, E. J. Willig Truck Transportation Co., Sterling Transit Company, Western Transport Co., Culy Transportation Company, Miles and Sons Trucking Service and Southern California Freight Lines.

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They are: Associated Transportation Co., Bonded Draying Service, Boyle & Son, California Cartage Company, Callison Truck Lines, Circle Freight Lines, Delta Lines, Inc., Highway Transport, Inc., Interline Motor Express, Johnson Truck Line, Kellogg Express and Draying Co., Merchants Express Corporation, Nielson Freight Lines, Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight, Peninsula Motor Express, Peters Truck Lines, Public Freight System, San Diego Forwarding Company, Security Truck Lines, Smith Transportation Co., Southern California Freight Lines, Victorville-Barstow Truck Line, Way's Redwood Empire Freight Lines, Vestern Truck Lines, Willig Freight Lines, WoodsTruck Line and Thompson Truck Lines. joint through rates applicable to (1) transportation between the northern California metropolitan areas served by the "long line carriers," on the one hand, and the southern California points served by the "short line carriers," on the other hand, and (2) transportation between the southern California metropolitan areas served by the "long line carriers," on the one hand, and the northern California points served by the "short line carriers," on the other hand.

The rates proposed to be established are the same as the minimum class rates named in Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2. Authority is also sought to depart from the long and short haul provisions of the Constitution and of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to establish the proposed rates.

Service over applicants' lines between the points involved is now subject to combinations of their local rates. Their combination rates are higher than the minimum rates established by the Commission for through transportation. They contend that establishment of the proposed joint rates would enable them to provide a more expeditious and more economical service.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of the application. No objections have been received.

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

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants be and they are hereby authorized to establish the joint through highway common carrier rates proposed in the above-entitled application, as amended,

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on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, and to depart from the provisions of Article XII, Section 21, · of the Constitution of the State of California and Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to establish the rates authorized herein.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire unless the rates authorized herein are made effective within ninety (90) 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 16th day of September, 1952.

Commissioners