Decision No. 48211

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of certain railroads and connecting highway common carriers and water lines for authority to increase local and joint freight rates and charges (1951).

Application No. 32219 (Second Supplemental)

SUPPLEMENTAL CPINION AND ORDER

Decision No. 46572, 51 Cal.P.U.C. 341 (1951), in this proceeding, authorized applicants to establish a general increase of 6 percent in their freight rates and charges. This authorization was made subject to specified exceptions and limitations. One of the limiting provisions restricted the application of the increase to the period ending February 28, 1953. By supplemental application filed January 12, 1953, permission is sought to continue to apply the increase until February 28, 1954.

The supplemental application points out that in Decision No. 46572 it was found that applicants had been subjected to higher costs for wages, materials and supplies and to higher taxes and that earnings under the adjusted rates would not be excessive. Applicants subsequently sought authority to establish a further general increase of approximately 9 percent to be applied until February 28, 1954. This proposal was found not justified in Decision No. 48107 of December 22, 1952 and was denied by that decision.

Applicants have supplied interested parties with copies of the supplemental application. No objection has been offered to its being granted. It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the authority sought in the supplemental application of January 12, 1953 is justified.

Therefore, good cause appearing, based upon the record herein resulting in Decision 46572,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants be and they are hereby authorized to extend the expiration date of the increased rates and charges established pursuant to Decision No. 46572 of December 18, 1951, in this proceeding, to February 28, 1954, on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

In all other respects said Decision No. 46572 shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27/4 day of January, 1953.