

ORIGINALDecision No. 48697

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) Case No. 5352
 carriers and city carriers, relating to the)
 transportation of cement and related items in)
 Southern California.)

In the Matter of the Investigation into the)
 rates, rules, regulations, charges, allowances)
 and practices of all common carriers, highway) Case No. 5440
 carriers and city carriers, relating to the)
 transportation of cement and related products)
 (commodities for which rates are provided in)
 City Carriers' Tariff No. 8 - Highway Carriers')
 Tariff No. 10).)

OPINION AND ORDER

By petition filed on April 13, 1953, The Truck Owners Association of California requests an investigation of the minimum rates for the transportation of cement and related articles between points in northern California, and between such points on the one hand and points in southern California on the other hand. By petition filed on May 8, 1953, Permanente Cement Company seeks an order consolidating Case No. 5352 with Case No. 5440. Monolith Portland Cement Company filed an answer on May 25, 1953, requesting that both of the aforesaid petitions be denied.

Case No. 5352 is essentially an investigation into the rail carload rates and the minimum rates for transportation of cement in southern California by both railroad and truck. Case No. 5440 is an investigation into the rates of all classes of for-hire carriers for the transportation of cement between all points in the State. The latter proceeding is therefore the broader one, and encompasses all of the matters included within the former.

Case No. 5440 was instituted for the purpose of providing a continuing proceeding in which any interested party might thereafter petition for hearing.

Upon careful consideration of the aforesaid petitions and answer it is concluded that the petitions should be granted to the extent of scheduling concurrent hearings in Cases Nos. 5352 and 5440. By this procedure a common record will be developed, and a consolidated decision may be entered should such be deemed necessary or desirable.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that concurrent public hearings be held in Cases Nos. 5352 and 5440, before such Commissioner or Examiner as may be designated, at a time and place to be determined.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 9th day of June, 1953.

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Commissioners