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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 general commodities)
(commodities for which rates are pro-)
vided in Highway Carriers' Tariff)
No. 2).)

Case No. 5432
(Petition No. 13)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Margaret E. Waugh, doing business as Merrimac Stage, operates as a common carrier for the transportation of passengers and freight between Oroville and Buck's Lake Lodge and intermediate points. In addition she carries United States mail between these points. Decision No. 48189 of January 19, 1953, in Case No. 4808, increased the minimum rates established for the transportation of general commodities.¹ That decision directed petitioner, among other carriers, to increase her present rates and charges. She has filed a petition seeking exemption from the minimum rates in connection with her operations.

Petitioner alleges that the transportation of freight is incidental to the carrying of United States mail and that the freight she transports is delivered to small stores along her route. She states that these stores are competitive with stores located in Oroville and the cost of the transportation service must be added to the selling price of the commodity. She further states that any increase in the cost of transportation would either reduce the

¹The increases were found necessary to compensate for higher operating costs.

volume of business of these stores or would result in this transportation being performed by proprietary operations. In any event, she contends, unless the sought relief is granted, her revenue from this transportation would be reduced 50 percent.

Petitioner does not compete with other common carriers. The operations involved are similar to those of other carriers which have heretofore been granted exemption from minimum rates and charges for freight operations generally.

It appears that in the circumstances the sought authority is justified and should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Decision No. 31606, in Case No. 4246, as amended, be and it is hereby further amended by adding Margaret E. Waugh, doing business as Merrimac Stages, to the list of carriers contained in paragraph (a) of Finding No. 14 thereof, but restricted to shipments transported between points now covered by petitioner's Local Freight Tariff, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1 (series of D. A. Nicklas).

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of September, 1953.

R. Z. Zimmerman
President

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Commissioners