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## Decision No. <u>49916</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ) Interlines Motor Express, a ) corporation, and Evelyn O. Simmons, ) an individual, doing business as ) West Berkeley Express and Draying ) Company, for approval of establishment of joint through rates and ) through routes between points on ) their respective lines.

Application No. 35177

## OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Interlines Motor Express operates between San Francisco and East Bay points on the one hand and from Vallejo north to Redding on the other hand. West Berkeley Express and Draying Company operates in the San Francisco Bay area as far north as Antioch and as far south as San Jose. By this application, as amended, authority is sought to establish through service, through routes and joint rates between points served by West Berkeley from Hayward to San Jose and from Giant to Antioch and points Vallejo and north served by Interlines. 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 joint rates. In addition applicants request that they be permitted to make the sought rates effective on five days' notice. Freight would be interchanged at Oakland.

The proposed rates are on the same level as the minimum rates named in Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2. Service over applicants' lines between the points involved is now subject to combinations of their local rates. These combination rates are higher than those proposed. Applicants represent that it will be advantageous to

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the public to be able to make through shipments over their lines under the proposed joint rates. They point out that the sought departures from the long and short haul provisions involved are not great, Similar departures have been authorized in the rates of other carriers.

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

It appears that the establishment of through service, through routes and joint rates, as proposed, is not adverse to the public interest and should be authorized. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants be and they are hereby authorized to establish on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public the through service, through routes and joint rates proposed in the above-entitled application 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 authorized rates are made effective within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 1954.

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Commissioners