Decision No. 50158

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of COAST LINE TRUCK SERVICE, INC., a corporation, for a new certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity comprehending all operations conducted by it as a Highway Common Carrier as that term is defined in Section 213 of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California.

Application No. 35125 (As Amended)

OPINION

The applicant is asking in this proceeding for an in lieu certificate of public convenience and necessity as a highway common carrier of property. Its operative rights were obtained from various sources. Some were obtained through grants of this Commission, the first one being Decision No. 28960 in Application No. 2011l, dated July 3, 1936; and others by purchase from other transportation companies. There have been many overlappings and extensions. The result is that considerable confusion exists about the precise authority of applicant.

The original application herein attracted a number of protests both with respect to the rights themselves and to any granting of the requested authority without a hearing as had been sought. Prolonged negotiations followed, resulting in the filing of an amendment to the application on April 22, 1954. In consequence thereof the protests have been withdrawn.

Applicant has a main terminal in Watsonville and others in San Francisco, San Jose, Salinas, Oakland and Los Angeles. The carrier serves around Monterey Bay and part of Santa Clara County

^{1/} Some of the purchased rights are older than applicant's granted rights.

and from those areas to San Francisco Bay points and Los Angeles territory. Its broadest rights are in the field of fresh fruits and vegetables. There are general commodity rights somewhat more limited in scope, and rights still more limited for flowers, fish, rabbits, poultry and eggs.

Applicant alleges in support of its request that, if granted, the rights of applicant can be ascertained by reference to a single certificate; that inconveniences and confusion will be eliminated; and that operating economies will result both in the publication of tariffs and otherwise.

In our opinion it is in the public interest to have the certificates of transportation companies kept as simple as the nature of their rights will permit. Therefore we will grant the request of applicant for a new certificate to replace those now held by it.

Coast Line Truck Service, Inc., is hereby placed upon notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, they extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly of a class of business over a particular route. This monopoly feature may be changed or destroyed at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited to the number of rights which may be given.

ORDER

Application having been made and amended and the Commission being of the opinion and finding that a public hearing is not necessary and that public convenience and necessity so require;

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Between Castaic Junction and Ventura:

California Highway 126, including all highways within five miles laterally on each side thereof.

Between Ojai and Ventura:

U.S. Highway 399, including all highways within five miles laterally on each side thereof.

Between Santa Paula and Ojai:

California Highway 150, including all highways within five miles laterally on each side thereof.

Between Los Angeles and Goleta:

U.A. Highways 101 and 101 Alternate, including all highways within five miles laterally on each side thereof.

- (b) Between the Southern California points as named in Paragraph II (f) and the Northern California points named in said Paragraph II (f); from the point of origin via the routes named in Paragraph (a) above, thence via the most practical route to U.S. Highway 101, thence via U.S. Highway 101 to either: (1) the point of destination, or (2) to the junction of the routes named in Paragraph I above, thence via said route to point of destination, or the reverse thereof.
- 3. All operating authority of Coast Line Truck Service, Inc., heretofore granted to said applicant or its predecessors in interest is hereby revoked and cancelled, said revocation and cancellation to be effective simultaneously with the establishment of the service authorized by this order.

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