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Decision No. 50167

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ASSOCIATED FREIGHT LINES, a corporation, KELLOGG EXPRESS AND DRAYING CO., a corporation, and JAMES P. NIELSEN, an individual doing business as NIELSEN FREIGHT LINES, for authorization to publish joint through rates.

Application No. 35301

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Associated Freight Lines operates between the Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay areas. Kellogg Express and Draying Co. operates in the San Francisco Bay area. Nielsen Freight Lines operates between San Francisco and East Bay points and Novato and Santa Rosa. By this application, as amended, authority is sought to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, through service, through routes and joint rates between the Los Angeles area points served by Associated and the San Francisco Bay area points served by Kellogg, except points north of San Pablo, on the one hand, and the Novato-Santa Rosa Territory served by Nielsen, on the other hand. 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. Freight would be interchanged at San Francisco.

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

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advantageous to the public to be able to make through shipments over their lines under the proposed lower rates. They point out that the departures from the long and short haul provisions involved are occasioned only by applicants' operating routes being somewhat longer than the direct routes and that other carriers have heretofore been granted like authority.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of the application. No objection has 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, as amended, 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 June, 1954

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