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Decision No. 50350

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In The Matter of the Application Of: )

A. D. WOOLLEY and R. E. WOOLLEY, doing )  
business as SHIPPERS EXPRESS COMPANY )

to establish joint rates with: )

Vic Adelson, doing business as )  
VIC ADELSON DRAYAGE )

MERCHANTS EXPRESS CORPORATION )

Myron D. and Walter F. Peters, doing )  
business as PETERS TRUCK LINES )

A. W. Way, doing business as )  
WAY'S REDWOOD EMPIRE FREIGHT LINE )

Evelyn O. Simmonds, doing business as )  
WEST BERKELEY EXPRESS AND DRAYING COMPANY )

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OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. A. D. Woolley and R. E. Woolley, doing business as Shippers Express Company, operate generally between the San Francisco and the Los Angeles Territories as described in Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2. The others operate between the San Francisco-East Bay area and various northern California points.<sup>1</sup>

By this application authority is sought to establish through service, through routes and joint rates between all points served by Shippers Express Company on the one hand and all points served by each of the other applicants 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. In addition applicants request that they be permitted to make the sought rates effective on

<sup>1</sup>They are: Vic Adelson Drayage, Merchants Express Corporation, Peters Truck Lines, Way's Redwood Empire Freight Line and West Berkeley Express and Draying Company.

five days' notice. The freight would be interchanged at San Francisco or 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 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 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 on five days' notice, 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.

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Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 1954.

John E. Mitchell  
President  
Justus L. Calver  
Lawrence D. Dotts  
Gene Higgins

Commissioners