Decision No. 50326

## ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Associated Freight Lines, a corporation; and California Cartage Company, Inc., a corporation, for authorization to publish joint rates.

Application No. 35634

## OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Associated Freight Lines operates between the Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay areas. California Cartage Company operates between the Los Angeles area and certain points in San Diego County. By this application authority is sought to establish, on less than statutory notice, through service, through routes and joint rates. The freight would be interchanged at Los Angeles.

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 the proposed joint rates. Applicants represent that it will be advantageous to the public to be able to make through shipments over their lines under the lower rates.

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.

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Commissioners