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Decision No. 50459

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application ) of GEORGE KELLER, an individual, ) doing business as KELLER'S FREIGHT ) LINE, and JOHN V. GIBSON, an indi- ) vidual, doing business as GIBSON ) TRUCK LINE, for authority to estab-) lish joint rates.

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## OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers. Keller's Freight Line transports auto parts and supplies between San Francisco, Oakland and Emeryville on the one hand, and Sausalito to Santa Rosa, both inclusive, on the other hand. Gibson Truck Line transports general commodities between Santa Rosa and Willits. By this application, as amended, authority is sought to establish, on less than statutory notice, through service, through routes and joint rates for the transportation of auto parts and supplies. 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. The freight would be interchanged at Santa Rosa.

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 combination 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. They point out that the sought departures from the long and short haul provisions

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involved are not great.

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.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>17day</u> of August, 1954. <u>August, 1954</u>. <u>August, 1954</u>.

Commissioners

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