Decision No. 52226

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of PACIFIC MOTOR TRUCKING COMPANY and SAVAGE TRANSPORTATION CO., INC., to establish joint rates.

Application No. 37331

OPINION AND ORDER

Pacific Freight Lines and Pacific Freight Lines Express have been authorized to lease certain operating rights and properties to Pacific Motor Trucking Company, a highway common carrier. Pacific Freight Lines Express will not be operated during the period of the lease. All of the points heretofore served by the latter carrier in connection with the joint rates involved in the instant application are now served by applicant Pacific Motor Trucking Company pursuant to lease of the operating rights of Pacific Freight Lines.

By the instant application Pacific Motor Trucking Company seeks authority to establish through service, through routes and joint rates with Savage Transportation Co., Inc., so as to maintain the same joint rate arrangement that existed between Pacific Freight Lines Express and Savage Transportation Company. The proposed rates are on the same level as those maintained by the latter two carriers. The joint rates will apply between various points in the Los Angeles area, and points south to the Mexican border served by Pacific Motor Trucking Company, on the one hand, and points between San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose served by Savage Transportation Co., Inc., on the other hand.

By Application No. 35802, authority is sought from this Commission by Pacific Freight Lines and Pacific Freight Lines Express to sell, and by Pacific Motor Trucking Company to purchase, the operating rights and properties of Pacific Freight Lines and Pacific Freight Lines Express. Similar proceedings are pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The lease referred to above was authorized by Decision No. 50908 of December 28, 1954, pending final outcome of the application. Suspension of Pacific Freight Lines Express' operating rights and tariff was authorized by Decision No. 52112 of October 18, 1955.

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The freight would be interchanged at Los Angeles. 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.

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 the applicants be and they are hereby authorized to establish the through service, through routes and joint rates proposed in the above-entitled application; and to depart from the provisions of Article AII, 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 ninety days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this Landay of November,

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