

Decision No. 52555

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
Merchants Express Corporation and)
Veryl Callison, d.b.a. Callison)
Truck Lines to establish joint)
rates and routes.)

Application No. 37545

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Merchants Express Corporation operates in the territory generally bounded by Healdsburg, Calistoga, Sacramento, Stockton, Livermore and San Jose. Veryl Callison, doing business as Callison Truck Lines, operates generally between San Francisco and the East Bay, on the one hand, and Crescent City and Garberville and intermediate points, on the other hand.

By this application authority is sought to extend, on less than statutory notice, existing joint through rate arrangements to include additional points applicants have been authorized to serve. 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 San Francisco.

The proposed rates are on the same level as the less-truckload minimum rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. Service over applicants' lines between the points involved is now subject to combination 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 rates sought to be published are those established as the minimum rates between the points involved and that competing 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 the proposed through service, through routes and joint rates, on ten days' notice, is not adverse to the public interest and should be authorized. A public hearing is not necessary.


Therefore, good cause appearing,

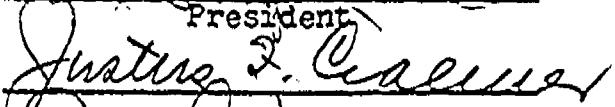
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants be and they are hereby authorized to establish, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, the through service, through routes and joint rates proposed in the above-entitled application and to depart from the provisions of Article XII, Section 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 Los Angeles, California, this 31st day of January, 1956.



President








Commissioners