

Decision No. 52749

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application
of HIGHWAY TRANSPORT, INC., and
INTERURBAN EXPRESS CORPORATION
for authority to establish joint
rates and routes.)

) Application No. 37754
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OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Highway Transport, Inc., operates generally between San Francisco, Oakland, Salinas, Monterey, Santa Cruz and intermediate points. It also operates between San Francisco, Oakland and Stockton, Modesto, Visalia and intermediate points. Interurban Express Corporation operates generally between San Francisco and Oakland, on the one hand, and Richmond, Martinez, Antioch and Walnut Creek, on the other hand.

By this application authority is sought to extend existing joint through rate arrangements to include additional points. 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 or Oakland.

The proposed rates will consist of class rates, Class B or higher, and commodity rates on the same level as the minimum rates named in the Commission's applicable minimum rate tariffs. 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 the proposed through service, through routes and joint rates, is not adverse to the public interest and should be authorized. A public hearing is not necessary.

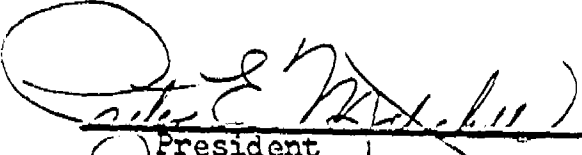
Therefore, good cause appearing,

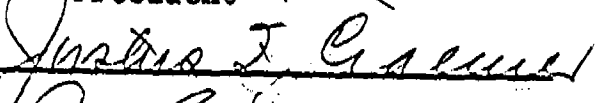
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants be and they are hereby authorized to establish the through service, through routes and joint rates proposed in the above-entitled application; and to depart from the provisions of Article XII, Section 21, of the Constitution of the State of California and Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to establish the rates authorized herein.

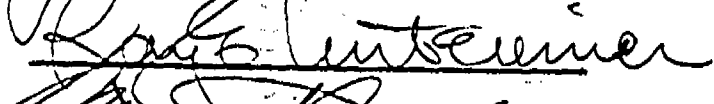
IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire unless the authorized rates are made effective within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

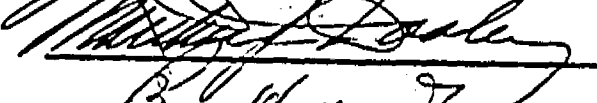
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.


Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of March, 1956.



President








Commissioners