Decision No. <u>53388</u>

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of SHIPPERS EXPRESS COMPANY, to) establish joint rates with CALIFORNIA CARTAGE COMPANY, INC.)

Application No. 38090

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Shippers Express Company operates, among other points, between the San Francisco Territory and the Los Angeles Territory. California Cartage Company, Inc., operates generally between Los Angeles and San Diego and certain intermediate points. 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 class rates named in Minimum Rate 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 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.

Commissioners

CommissionerRex. Hardy.........., being necessarily absent. did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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