

ORIGINALDecision No. 53504

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of C & L FREIGHT LINE, INC. to)	
establish joint rates with)	
CONSOLIDATED FREIGHTWAYS, INC.,)	Application No. 38228
CHAS. P. HART TRANSPORTATION CO.,)	
INC. AND WESTERN TRUCK LINES,)	
LTD.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. C & L Freight Line, Inc., operates between Los Angeles and various other points in southern California. Chas. P. Hart Transportation Co., Inc., and Consolidated Freightways, Inc., operate between the San Francisco area and the Los Angeles area. Western Truck Lines, Ltd., serves generally between the Los Angeles area, on the one hand, and the San Francisco area, Sacramento, Stockton and points located on U. S. Highway 99 between Stockton and Malaga (Fresno County), on the other hand.

By this application authority is sought to extend existing joint through rate arrangements to include additional points which C & L Freight Line, Inc., has 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 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.

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,

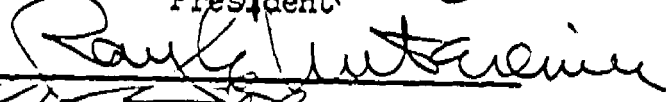
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants be and they are hereby authorized to establish, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, the through service, through routes and joint rates proposed in the above-entitled application; and to depart from the provisions of Article XII, Section 21, of the Constitution of the State of California and Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to establish the joint rates authorized herein.

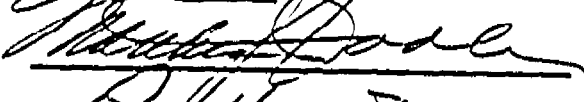
IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire unless the authorized rates are made effective within sixty days after the effective date of this order.


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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of July, 1956.



President






Commissioners