

ORIGINALDecision No. 53790

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 NIELSEN FREIGHT LINES, to establish)
 joint rates with COAST LINE TRUCK SERV-)
 ICE, INC., CULY TRANSPORTATION CO.,)
 INC., MERCHANTS EXPRESS OF CALIFORNIA,)
 PACIFIC INTERMOUNTAIN EXPRESS,) Application No. 38365
 SACRAMENTO FREIGHT LINES, INC., SHIPPERS)
 EXPRESS COMPANY, STERLING TRANSIT CO.,)
 INC., TRANSCON LINES, WESTERN TRUCK)
 LINES, LTD., and WILLIG FREIGHT LINES.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Nielsen Freight Lines operates between the San Francisco Bay area, on the one hand, and Willits and Sonoma and intermediate points, on the other hand. The other carriers operate between the San Francisco Bay area and points in Southern California. By this application authority is sought to extend existing joint through rate arrangements to include additional points which Nielsen Freight Lines has been authorized to serve. The freight would be interchanged at San Francisco or Oakland.

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.

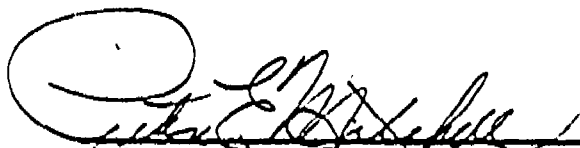
Therefore, good cause appearing,

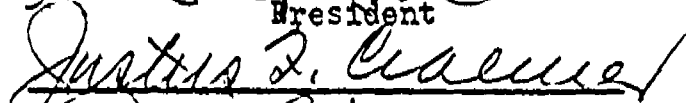
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants be and they are hereby authorized to establish, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, the through service, through routes and joint rates proposed in the above-entitled application.

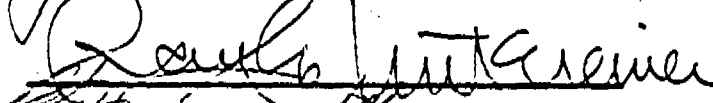
IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire unless the authorized rates are made effective within sixty days after the effective date of this order.


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


Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of September, 1956.



President








Commissioners