

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 54608

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of WILLIG)	
FREIGHT LINES to establish joint rates with)	
CONSOLIDATED FREIGHTWAYS, INC., COAST LINE)	
TRUCK SERVICE, INC., CHAS. P. HART TRANS-)	
PORTATION CO., INC., SACRAMENTO FREIGHT)	Application No. 38790
LINES, INC., SHIPPERS EXPRESS COMPANY,)	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FREIGHT LINES AND)	
WESTERN TRUCK LINES, LTD.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Willig Freight Lines operates, among other places, between San Francisco, Rockport, Cloverdale, Schellville and intermediate points located on State Highways Nos. 1, 12 and 37 and U.S. Highway No. 101. The other carriers operate generally between the San Francisco area and the Los Angeles area. By this application authority is sought to extend existing joint through rate arrangements to include additional points which Willig Freight Lines was authorized to serve by Decision No. 53223. 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. Applicants propose to originate traffic at points served by Willig Freight Lines and transport it under through rates to points served by the other applicants in the Los Angeles area and vice versa.

Applicants state that the authority herein sought was previously granted by Decision No. 53963, of October 23, 1956, in Application No. 38465, but that due to an oversight on the part of their tariff publishing agents, the joint rates were not established. The authority granted by Decision No. 53963 expired January 11, 1957.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of the new 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:

(1) 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.

(2) That the authority herein granted be and it hereby is limited to the extent that it may be exercised in conformity with the provisions of Article XII, Section 21, of the Constitution of the State of California and Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code and that the authority shall not be construed as relieving applicants from the operation and requirements of said provisions of the Constitution and of the Public Utilities Code to any extent whatsoever.

(3) 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 5th day of March, 1957.

John E. McHugh
President
Robert L. Brewster
Marion D. Cook
R. Hart
E. Lynn Fox
Commissioners