

Decision No. 54919

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
 Antoni Truck Lines, California  
 Cartage Company, Inc., Callison  
 Truck Lines, Inc., El Dorado Motor  
 Transportation Company, Merchants  
 Express Corporation, Merchants  
 Express of California, Paradise  
 Freight Line, Peters Truck Lines,  
 Sacramento Freight Lines, Inc.,  
 Joe Saia, Thompson Truck Lines and  
 Victorville-Barstow Truck Line for  
 authority to establish joint through  
 rates and routes.

Application No. 38955

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. They operate between various points in California as shown in Exhibit "A" of the application, as amended. Authority is sought to establish through service, through routes and joint rates and to extend existing joint through rate arrangements. The freight would be interchanged at various points as shown in Exhibit "C" of the application. Authority is also sought to depart from the long-and-short-haul provisions of the Constitution of the State of California and the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to establish the joint rates.

The proposed rates are on the same level as the minimum class rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, subject to certain limitations as shown in Exhibit "C" of the application, as amended. Service over applicants' lines between the points involved is now subject to combination of their local rates. In some cases 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 joint rates as well as enabling

applicants to render service based upon competitive equality with other carriers.

It is proposed to originate traffic at points on the lines of Merchants Express of California or Merchants Express Corporation and transport it under through rates to points served by the other applicants, and vice versa, to the extent shown in Exhibit "C" of the application. It is also proposed to publish the joint rates herein sought, as well as presently established joint rates and local rates of Merchants Express of California and Merchants Express Corporation, in a new tariff.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of the application, as amended. 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. This is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary.

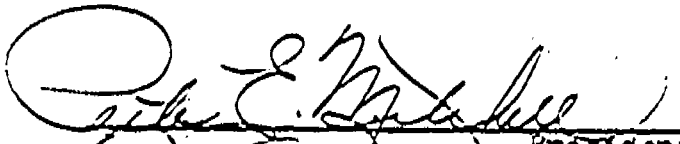
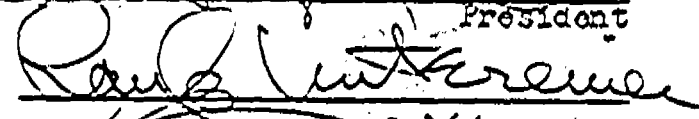
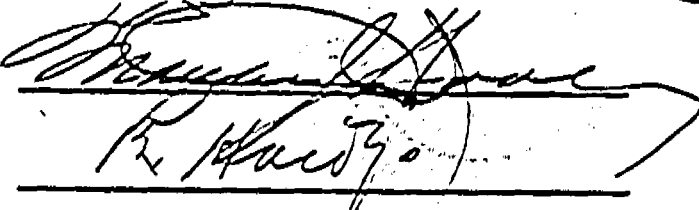
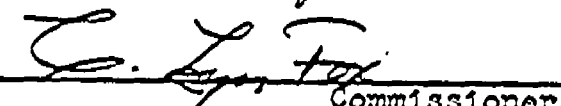
Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicants be and they are hereby authorized to establish the through service, through routes and joint rates as proposed in the above-entitled application, as amended, 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 120 days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 30th day of April, 1957.

  
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Commissioners