

Decision No. 55943

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation) into the rates, rules, regulations,) charges, allowances and practices of) all common carriers, highway carriers) and city carriers relating to the) transportation of general commodities) (commodities for which rates are pro-) vided in Highway Carriers' Tariff No.) 2).

Case No. 5432

and related matters.

Cases Nos. 5433, 5435, 5436, 5438, 5439, 5440, 5441, 5603 and 5604

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

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By Decision No. <u>55942</u>, entered today in Applications Nos. 37697 and 38557, the rail linex were authorized to increase various carload commodity rates. Certain other common carriers publish rates to meet rail competition under the alternative provisions of outstanding minimum rate orders. They are not permitted to maintain lower rates. In the circumstances the other carriers should be authorized and directed to make like adjustments in their rail competitive rates. In view of the fact that the decision authorizes the rail lines to establish the increases on five days' notice, like authority will be authorized the other common carriers.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that common carriers maintaining, under outstanding authorizations permitting the alternative use of rail rates, rates below the specific minimum rate levels otherwise applicable are hereby authorized and directed to increase such rates, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to the level of the rail rates established pursuant to

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Decision No. <u>556(14)</u> issued today in Applications Nos. 37697 and 38557, or to the level of the specific minimum rates whichever is lower; and that such adjustments shall be made effective not later than thirty days after the effectiveness of the increased rail rates.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that such carriers are hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code and Article XII, Section 21 of the Constitution of the State of California, to the extent necessary to make the adjustments authorized herein.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10^{-4} day of December, 1957.

Commissioners