

Decision No. 55087

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ) Western Truck Lines, Ltd., to () Establish Joint Rates with () Victorville-Barstew Truck Line. ()

## OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of property. Western Truck Lines, Ltd., operates, among other places, between Bryte, Del Paso, McClelland Field, North Sacramento, Sacramento and West Sacramento, on the one hand and Los Angeles, on the other hand. Victorvillo-Barstew Truck Line operates, among other places, between Los Angeles, on the one hand and Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstew, Camp Irwin, Daggett Air Force Base, George Air Force Base, Hesperia, Lucerne Valley, Oro Grande and Victorville, on the other hand. By this application, authority is sought to establish and maintain, on less than statutory notice, joint through rates and routes. The freight will 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. Applicants propose to originate traffic at points on the lines of Western Truck Lines, Ltd., and transport it under through rates to points on the lines of Victorville-Barstow-Truck Line, and vice versa.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of the application. No objection has been received.

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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 ORDERED:

(1) That applicants 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 aboveentitled application.

(2) That the authority herein granted is hereby limited to the extent that it may be exercised in conformity with the provisions of Article XII, Soction 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 14th day of January, 1958.

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