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Decision No. 56144

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of James E. Potter, doing business as POTTER TRUCKING COMPANY to establish Joint Rates with W. J. Pope and V. W. Pope, doing business as AETNA FREIGHT LINES, CONSOLIDATED FREIGHTWAYS, INC., CULY TRANSPORTATION CO., INC., DELTA LINES. INC., PACIFIC INTERMOUNTAIN EXPRESS, SACRAMENTO FREIGHT LINES, INC., SHIPPERS EXPRESS COMPANY, STERLING TRANSIT COMPANY, INC., TRANSCON LINES, WATSON BROS. TRANSPORTATION CO., INC., WESTERN TRUCK LINES, LTD., WILLIG FREIGHT LINES.

Application No. 39664

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of property. Potter Trucking Company operates generally between the Los Angeles Territory, on the one hand, and Beaumont, Calexico and Holtville and intermediate points, on the other hand, and between Los Angeles, on the one hand, and Winterhaven and intermediate points, on the other hand. The other carriers operate, among other places, between San Francisco Territory, Sacramento area, on the one hand, and Los Angeles Territory, on the other hand.

By this application authority is sought to establish, on less than statutory notice, through service, through routes and joint rates between points served by Potter Trucking Company and points served by the other applicants of this application. The freight would be interchanged at Los Angeles.

The proposed rates will be 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 lines of Potter Trucking Company and transport

it under through routes and joint rates to points served by the other applicants, and vice versa.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of the 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 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 above-entitled 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, 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 2/57 day of January, 1958.

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