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Decision No. <u>56412</u>

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of CALLISON TRUCK LINES, INC., and) NIELSEN FREIGHT LINES for authority) to establish joint through rates) and routes.

Application No. 39411

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Callison Truck Lines, Inc., operates generally between San Francisco and Oakland, on the one hand, and points on and along U.S. Highway 101 between Garberville and Crescent City, on the other hand. Nielsen Freight Lines operates generally between San Francisco and points south thereof to San Mateo, on the one hand, and points on U.S. Highway 101 between Sausalito and Willits and certain other points in Marin and Sonoma Counties, on the other hand.

By this application, as amended, authority is sought to extend existing joint through rate arrangements authorized by Decision No. 50770 dated November 16, 1954, in Application No. 35905, to include points each carrier has recently been authorized to serve as shown in Appendix "A" of the application, and to remove the 20,000-pound limitation upon the existing joint rates. Authority is also sought to depart from the long-and-short-haul provisions of the Constitution and the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to establish the proposed joint rates.

The proposed rates are on the same level as the minimum class rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 except that rates for Classes C, D and E will be maintained at the same level as Class B rates. The class rates maintained by Callison Truck Lines, Inc., are established for all classes except that the rates for Classes C, D and E are on the level of the Class B rates. Class rates maintained by

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Nielsen Freight Lines include rates on articles subject to 5th Class and Class A ratings with the 5th Class rates applicable to articles subject to Class B, C, D and E ratings. Since the combination of applicants' local rates would result in rates lower than the 20,000pound quantity rates originally proposed, and in order to conform to the statutory prohibition against maintaining through rates on a higher level than the combination of local rates, applicants seek to establish rates as herein proposed.

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 Nielsen Freight Lines and transport it under through routes and joint rates to points served by Callison Truck Lines, Inc., and vice versa. The freight would be interchanged at San Francisco.

Competing carriers have been notified of the filing of the application and the amendment thereto. 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 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 between points served by each applicant as listed in Exhibit "A" to the aboveentitled 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.

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(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless the authorized rates are made effective within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

(3) That the authority herein granted shall supersede and cancel that authority granted by Decision No. 50770 dated November 16, 1954, in Application No. 35905, upon the establishment of the rates authorized herein.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>2574</u> day of March, 1958.

Commissioners