

Decision No. 56621**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 INTERSTATE FREIGHT CARRIERS CONFERENCE,)
 INC. for authority to publish rules on) Application No. 39921
 behalf of its members permitting sub-)
 stitution of rail carrier service for)
 motor carrier service.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Interstate Freight Carriers Conference, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, publishes, on behalf of its members, tariffs setting forth rates, rules and regulations for the transportation of property between points within California, and between California, on the one hand, and interstate points, on the other. The Association's membership consists of common carriers by motor vehicle, water and rail.

By this application, as amended, the Association seeks authority to publish rules and regulations necessary to permit certain of its highway common carrier members to avail themselves of trailer-on-flatcar facilities of Southern Pacific Company as a substituted rail-for-highway common carrier service ^{1/} between Los Angeles, on the one hand, and San Francisco, San Jose and Mulford, on the other.^{2/} The highway carriers involved possess

^{1/} Southern Pacific Company is a member of the Conference. The highway common carrier members for whom substituted service authority is herein sought are: Consolidated Freightways, Inc., Culy Transportation Co., Inc., Pacific Intermountain Express Co., Shippers Express Company, Watson Brothers Transportation Co. Inc., and Willig Freight Lines.

^{2/} Mulford is located in Alameda County. Substituted service from and to San Jose is sought only for Culy Transportation Co. Inc., Shippers Express Company and Willig Freight Lines.

certificates of public convenience and necessity from this Commission authorizing service between the points for which substituted service authority is herein sought.

The application states that publication of the necessary tariff provisions will be accomplished by the issuance of a substituted service directory and by certain other related tariff amendments. The substituted service will be at the option of the particular highway carrier involved and at the rates published for that carrier's account for service performed entirely by truck. If the shipper so directs, rail substituted service will not be used.

It is alleged in the application that substitution of trailer-on-flatcar service for motor carrier service has, in many areas of the United States, become a well-established practice, and that the establishment of such service, as herein sought, will be for the best interests both of the carriers concerned and of their shippers. The application points out that by Decision No. 56290, dated February 25, 1958, in Application No. 39710, this Commission granted substantially the same relief to Pacific Motor Trucking Company as that sought herein for account of other highway common carriers.

Interested parties were notified of the filing of the application. No objection to its granting has been received.

It appears, and the Commission finds, that the substituted rail service as proposed by applicant will not be adverse to the public interest. The application, as amended, will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Interstate Freight Carriers Conference, Inc., be and it is authorized to publish, on behalf of the carriers specified in Application No. 39921, as amended, and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, tariff provisions for substitute rail service as proposed in said application, as amended, and to depart from the provisions of General Order No. 80 to the extent necessary to publish the tariff rules and the Substituted Freight Service Directory as proposed in said application, as amended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date hereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of April, 1958.

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President

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Commissioners