

Decision No. 56623

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Sterling Transit Company, Inc., and)	Application No. 39964
H.F. Reilley, dba Reilley Truck Line,)	
to establish joint rates.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Sterling Transit Company, Inc., operates generally between the San Francisco Territory, on the one hand, and the Los Angeles and San Diego Territories, on the other hand. H. F. Reilley operates generally between Stockton, on the one hand, and certain San Joaquin Valley and San Francisco Bay area points, on the other hand.

By this application, authority is sought to establish, on less than statutory notice, through service, through routes and joint rates. Authority is also sought to depart from the long-and-short-haul provisions of the Constitution of the State of California and the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to establish the joint rates.

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 state that without the proposed joint rates they are at a competitive disadvantage with other carriers offering similar service. Sterling Transit Company, Inc., proposes to originate traffic at points on its line and transport it under joint rates to points served by H. F. Reilley and vice versa. Freight would be interchanged at San Leandro or Fresno, whichever would better serve the shipments involved.

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 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 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.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire unless the authorized rates are made effective within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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

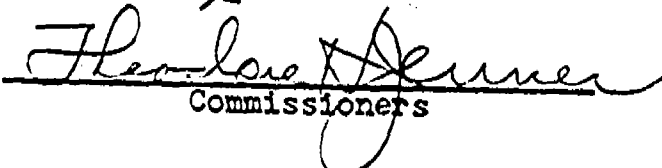
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of April, 1958.



President



E. L. Fox



Commissioners