

Decision No. 54712

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 N. D. Williams, doing business as)
 DESERT TRANSFER & STORAGE to establish)
 Joint Rates with: COAST LINE TRUCK)
 SERVICE, INC., DELTA LINES, INC.,)
 PACIFIC INTERMOUNTAIN EXPRESS CO.,)
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FREIGHT LINES,)
 STERLING TRANSIT COMPANY, INC., and)
 WESTERN TRUCK LINES, LTD.)

Application No. 39966

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. N. D. Williams, doing business as Desert Transfer & Storage operates, among other places, between Los Angeles, on the one hand, and all points on State Highway 111 between Palm Springs and Indio, including Palm Springs and all points in the Coachella Valley Territory, as described in Williams' operative right, on the other hand. The other carriers operate, among other places, between the San Francisco Territory and Sacramento area, on the one hand, and Los Angeles, on the other hand. By this application, authority is sought to establish, on less than statutory notice, through service, through routes and joint rates.

The proposed rates are on the same level as the minimum class rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. Service over the

The Coachella Valley Territory referred to herein is described in Appendix "B" of Decision No. 54979 of Application No. 36319, as follows: "that area lying between the little San Bernardino Mountains and Cottonwood Mountain, on the one hand, and the San Jacinto and Santa Rosa Mountains, on the other hand; and bounded on the northwest by Edom on U. S. Highway No. 99 and Indian Wells on State Highway No. 111, and on the southeast by the Riverside-Imperial County line on U. S. Highway No. 99 and Southern Pacific Company station of Mortmar on State Highway No. 111."

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 allege 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 N. D. Williams doing business as Desert Transfer & Storage and transport it under through rates to points on the lines of each of the other applicants, and vice versa. Freight would be interchanged at Los Angeles.

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:

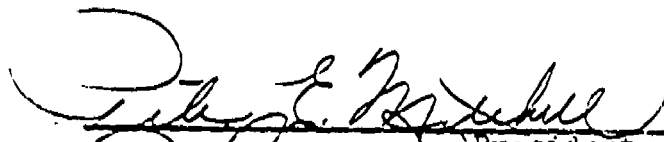
(1) That applicants are hereby authorized to establish, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, the through service, through routes and joint rates proposed in the above-entitled application, as amended.

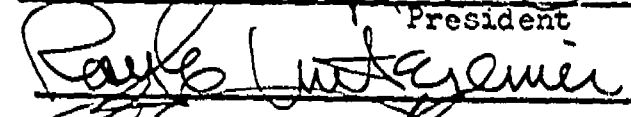
(2) That the authority herein granted is hereby limited to the extent that it may be exercised in conformity with the provisions of Article XII, Section 21, of the Constitution of the State of California and Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code and that the authority shall not be construed as relieving applicants from the operation and requirements of said provisions of the Constitution and of the Public Utilities Code to any extent whatsoever.

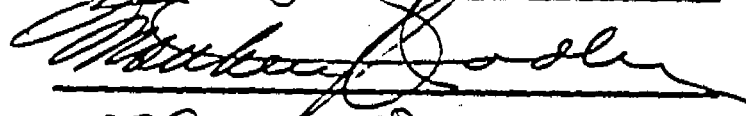
(3) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless the authorized rates are made effective within ninety days after the effective date of this order.


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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 20th day of May, 1958.



President






Commissioners