Decision No. 56913

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of IMPERIAL TRUCK LINES, INC. To Establish Joint Rates With: DISALVO TRUCKING CO., STERLING TRANSIT COMPANY, INC.

Application No. 40142

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Imperial Truck Lines, Inc., operates, among other places, between Los Angeles, on the one hand, and the Imperial Valley and Coachella Valley Territories, on the other hand. The other carriers operate, among other places, between Los Angeles, on the one hand, and San Francisco Territory and certain intermediate points on U.S. Highway 99, 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 the points set forth above. The proposed joint rates are on the same level as the minimum class rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. Applicants state that no departures from the long-and-short-haul provisions of the Public Utilities Code will occur.

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 transport traffic between points on the lines of Imperial Truck Lines, Inc., on the one hand, and points on the lines of the other applicants, on the other hand. The freight would be interchanged at Los Angeles.

¹ The Coachella Valley Territory and Imperial Valley Territory are described in the operative rights granted Imperial Truck Lines, Inc., by Decision No. 54322 of December 27, 1956.

The application shows that on or about May 28, 1958, a copy of the application was served on competing carriers. No objection to its being granted 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, through service, through routes and joint rates proposed in the above-entitled application.
- (2) That the authority herein granted is 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 San Francisco, California, this day of July, 1958.