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Decision No. 58294

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of SAVAGE TRANSPORTATION CO., INC. to establish joint rates with: Arthur R. Bennett, doing business as B-LINE EXPRESS C & L FREIGHT LINES, INC. CALIFORNIA CARTAGE COMPANY, INC. CALINE TRUCK SERVICE, INC. INLAND TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION INTERLINES MOTOR EXPRESS OREGON NEVADA CALIFORNIA FAST FREIGHT, INC.) PENNINSULA MOTOR EXPRESS Myron D. Peters and Walter F. Peters, doing business as PETIRS TRUCK LINES Thomas A. Reilley, Executor, Estate of H. F. Reilley, doing business as NEILIEY TRUCK LINES SAN DIEGO FORWARDING COMPANY Clayton C. Koons, doing business as STAFEL TRUCK LINES TESI DRAMAGE COMPANY Lom Thompson, doing business as VICTORVILLE-BARSTOW TRUCK LINE WESTERN TRUCK LINES, LTD.

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of property. Savage Transportation Co., Inc., operates, generally, between Monterey and points and places within five miles thereof (except Fort Ord), on the one hand, and points in the San Francisco Territory, an the other hand; also between Watsonville, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel and Salinas, on the one hand, and points in the Los Angeles Territory, on the other hand. The other carriers' operations combined are generally statewide in scope.

By this application, authority is sought to establish, on less than statutory notice, through service, through routes, and joint rates between the points on the lines of Savage Transportation Co., Inc., on the one hand, and points on the lines of the other

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carriers, on the other hand. The freight would be interchanged at San Francisco, Oakland or Los Angeles. The proposed joint rates are on the same level as the minimum class rates in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. Authority is also sought to depart from the longand-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.

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.

The application shows that, on or about February 27, 1959, a copy 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, subject to the condition that applicants shall search out and avoid publishing, or thereafter maintaining, any joint through rates in excess of the combination of applicants' local rates for the transportation of a like kind of property between the same points. The application will be granted. 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.

(2) That applicants are hereby authorized to depart from the long-and-short-haul provisions of Article XII, Section 21, of the Constitution of the State of California, and Section 460 of the

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Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to establish the rates authorized herein.

(3) That applicants shall search out and avoid publishing, or thereafter maintaining, any joint through rate in excess of the combination of applicants' local rates for the transportation of a like kind of property between the same points. In the event any combination of applicants' published local rates is found to make a lower rate than the joint through rate published pursuant to the authority herein granted, applicants shall immediately adjust the higher through rate in accordance with Rule 7 of General Order No. 80.

(4) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised 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 <u>21at</u> day of April, 1959.

Commissioners