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Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FREIGHT LINES, a  
corporation, for an amendment to its  
present certificate of public conven-  
ience and necessity, for authority to  
transport property by auto truck as a  
highway common carrier, over alternate  
routes between San Bernardino, California,  
and Bakersfield, California, for operating  
convenience only, serving no intermediate  
points for compensation.

Application No. 41015

O P I N I O N

By this application, filed April 9, 1959, Southern California Freight Lines requests authority to use three additional routes as alternates between San Bernardino and Bakersfield. It is alleged that applicant's presently authorized routes from or to points south and east of Los Angeles on the one hand, from or to points north of Los Angeles on the other hand, all pass directly through the greater Los Angeles Metropolitan Area; and that, due to increased congestion in this area, applicant is encountering increased operating costs which it believes can be offset to some extent by diverting some schedules over the proposed alternate routes.

Since these proposed additional routes are to be used merely as alternate routes for the transportation of freight between points applicant is presently authorized to serve and since no freight will be picked up or delivered at intermediate points between termini, no other carriers will be affected by granting this application. The proposal is found to be in the public interest and will be granted without hearing which, under the circumstances, appears to be unnecessary.

The competing carriers, Desert Express, and Victorville-Barstow Truck Line, have presented a letter of protest suggesting that this application is only a first step in acquiring authority to serve along the requested alternate routes. These carriers also state that they serve points along these alternate routes and they fear that applicant, if granted this request, will be enabled to create an improved competitive service to their disadvantage. The Commission is of the opinion that applicant should be permitted to improve its service to the public; but that, on the other hand, it should not be permitted to gain any advantage, by the granting of this application, in any subsequent application it may file seeking to serve new customers along these alternate routes. An appropriate restriction will be included in the following order.

O R D E R

The Commission having considered the above-numbered application and being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED that the orders contained in Decision No. 51741 dated July 26, 1955, in Application No. 32246, are amended by adding thereto the following route descriptions which routes may be used by applicant in connection with any and all of its certificated rights for operating convenience only:

Route 1 - Between San Bernardino and Bakersfield via U. S. Highway No. 395 from San Bernardino to the intersection of U. S. Highways Nos. 395 and 466 at Four Corners, thence via U. S. Highway No. 466 to Bakersfield.

Route 2 - Between San Bernardino and Bakersfield via U. S. Highway No. 395 to its intersection with State Highway No. 138 just north of Cajon, thence via State Highway No. 138 to its intersection with U. S. Highway No. 6 at Palmdale, thence via U. S. Highway No. 6 to its intersection with U. S. Highway No. 466 at Mojave, thence via U. S. Highway No. 466 to Bakersfield.

Route 3 - Between San Bernardino and Bakersfield via U. S. Highway No. 395 to its intersection with State Highway No. 138 just north of Cajon, thence via State Highway No. 138 to its intersection with U. S. Highway No. 6 at Palmdale, thence via U. S. Highway No. 6 to its intersection with State Highway No. 138 just north of Lancaster, thence via State Highway No. 138 to its intersection with U. S. Highway No. 99 just south of Gorman, thence via U. S. Highway No. 99 to Bakersfield.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the use of said alternate routes is granted subject to the restriction that no freight shall be picked up or delivered at any points applicant is not authorized to serve as a highway common carrier by certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by orders effective before the effective date hereof.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of June, 1959.

E. L. Fox  
President  
W. E. D. Abbott  
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Commissioners