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Decision No. ____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Alfred F. Antoni, doing business as ANTONI TRUCK LINES To establish Joint Rates with GARDEN CITY TRANSPORTATION CO., LTD., INTERLINES MOTOR EXPRESS, WESTERN TRUCK LINES, LTD., WILLIG FREIGHT LINES.

) Application No. 41090

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OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Alfred Antoni operates generally between San Francisco and Oakland, on the one hand, and points north of Healdsburg, to and including Laytonville, and points in Lake County generally located around Clear Lake, on the other hand. The other carriers operate generally between points located in the territory between Redding and Rockport, on the north, and the Los Angeles Basin Territory, on the south.

By this application, authority is sought to establish, on less than statutory notice, through service, through routes and joint rates between the points served by applicants. The freight would be interchanged at San Francisco or Oakland, except that freight interchanged between Alfred F. Antoni and Willig Freight Lines would be interchanged also at Healdsburg. The proposed joint rates are on the same level as the minimum class rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. Authority is also sought to depart from the long-and-shorthaul provisions of 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 would 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 April 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 cervice, through routes, and joint rates, on ten days' notice, is not

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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 rate 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 aboveentitled application and 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 Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to establish the rates authorized herein.

(2) 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 Kule 7 of General Order No. 80.

(3) 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>10 H</u> day of June, 1959.

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Commissioners

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