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Decision No. 60929

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of PACIFIC MOTOR TRUCKING COMPANY))
and WILLIG FREIGHT LINES to)
establish substituted service.)

Application No. 42645

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants are highway common carriers of general commodities. Pacific Motor Trucking Company operates generally statewide. Willig Freight Lines operates between San Francisco, on the one hand, and Cloverdale, Fort Bragg, Santa Rosa, Stockton and Sacramento, and related points, on the other hand; and also between San Francisco and Los Angeles territories and various intermediate points on U.S. Highway 99.

By this application, filed September 6, 1960, authority is sought, under Sections 1065 and 1066 of the Public Utilities Code, to establish substituted service between the same points and places served by applicants in the Counties of Marin, Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma. Each carrier proposes to transport shipments from, to and between the points in question on the billing of the other applicant carrier under the rates, rules and regulations published in the tariffs of such other applicant carrier. Authority is also sought, under Section 851 of the Code, for interchange of equipment by applicants at Santa Rosa wherever necessary or desirable in connection with such substituted service. The applicants propose to establish the substituted service on five days' notice to the public.

The applicant carriers point out that many of the points in the four-county area are served by each of them; that on numerous occasions the traffic moving between such common points has been

insufficient to justify a duplication of service thereto. They also state that it is their desire, for reasons of economy, to avoid such wasteful duplication of service through establishment of the proposed interchange of traffic, as well as equipment, to and from common points in said area.

The application states that shipments will be routed at carriers' option unless otherwise directed by shippers desiring through service via one carrier only. Applicants allege that the proposed substituted service will insure the maintenance of schedules of sufficient frequency to provide the public with adequate and satisfactory service without causing any undue disadvantage or inconvenience to shippers. It does not appear that any change in rates or charges will result from the proposed service change.

The verified application shows that, on or about August 29, 1960, a copy of the application was served on all known competing carriers operating in the same general area. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the establishment of the substituted service and interchange of equipment, as proposed, is not adverse to the public interest. It has not been shown, however, that the change should be made on less than thirty days' notice to the public. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted, except as to the short-notice feature.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Motor Trucking Company and Willig Freight Lines may, within ninety days after the effective date of this order and on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public: (1) establish the substituted service and arrangement for interchange of equipment as proposed in this application, and (2) amend

their respective tariffs to reflect the authority herein granted, subject to the conditions that the tariff rules to be published (a) shall clearly state the conditions of the substituted service, (b) specify the points to be served thereunder, and (c) clearly provide that the shipper will have the option of specifying through single-line service.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of October, 1960.

President

Commissioners