

Decision No. 62371**ORIGINAL**

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

Application of RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, )  
 INCORPORATED, to change the waybilling )  
 of shipments from Goleta to Santa ) Application No. 43422  
 Barbara thereby increasing certain )  
 intrastate charges. )

O P I N I O N

By this application Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, seeks authority to establish increased rates and charges on intrastate express shipments originating or terminating at Goleta, an unincorporated community in Santa Barbara County. The increases in question would be a consequence of applicant's plan to make Santa Barbara the waybilling point for Goleta shipments.

According to the application, the Agency closed its Goleta office on January 17, 1961, pursuant to the informal notice procedure provided in this Commission's General Order No. 36-B. On the same date, the Agency extended its collection and delivery service by motor vehicle from and to its Santa Barbara office to include Goleta.<sup>1</sup> Prior to said date the latter community had not been accorded collection and delivery service on express shipments.

Increases in surface express charges under the proposal herein, the application alleges, will occur on movements between Goleta, on the one hand and Atascadero, San Luis Obispo, Guadalupe, Lompoc and Gaviota, on the other hand. These increases range, as to first class rates, from 27 to 54 cents per 100 pounds in connection

<sup>1</sup> All of the area in Goleta served by the carrier's vehicles, the application states, is located within three miles of the city limits of Santa Barbara. Service is provided under authority of Section 1063 of the Public Utilities Code and of the highway common carrier certificate granted by Decision No. 61055, dated November 15, 1960.

with rates ranging from \$5.00 to \$4.16 per 100 pounds. The proposed increases are proportionately less in connection with shipments of less than 100 pounds and with those subject to second class rates. The proposed waybilling arrangement will also result in some reductions in surface express charges. These reductions will apply in connection with movements between Goleta and 16 communities in California located south and east of Goleta. The proposed plan will not affect air express charges.

According to the application, very little traffic will be affected by the proposed changes in rates. During December 1960, no shipments moved between Goleta and the offices to and from which rate increases are involved herein, and during the same period only four shipments moved between Goleta and points from and to which rate reductions will be experienced. December generally is a peak month for express shipments.

It is alleged that the proposed change in waybilling will simplify the computation and application of charges by applicant's employees and by its customers.

A copy of the application was served on the Goleta Chamber of Commerce on May 18, 1961. The Commission has received no representations regarding the matter at issue, either from that organization or from any other party.

Upon consideration, we hereby find that the increases in rates and charges proposed in the application filed herein have been justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Based on the evidence of record and on the findings and conclusions set forth in the preceding opinion,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, be and it is hereby authorized to establish the increased express rates and charges proposed in the application filed in this proceeding. The tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be filed not earlier than the effective date hereof, and may be made effective on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. Applicant be and it is hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Article XII, Section 21, of the Constitution of the State of California and of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained in applicant's tariffs under outstanding authorizations.

3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within 120 days after the effective date hereof.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of AUGUST, 1961.

*Ernest R. Bay*  
 President

*Walter E. Ditchfield*

*W. L. Fox*

*George E. Turner*

*Fredrick B. Hollerhoff*  
 Commissioners