

Decision No. 67462

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of)
INTERLINES-BLANKENSHIP MOTOR EXPRESS) Application No. 46651
for authority to cancel certain) (Filed May 20, 1964)
joint rates and through routes.)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, authority is sought to cancel, on less than statutory notice, through routes and joint rates between points served by Interlines-Blankenship Motor Express (Interlines-Blankenship), on the one hand, and Speedy Transport, Inc. (Speedy), on the other hand. Both of the carriers are highway common carriers.¹

Applicant states that it has maintained, without interruption, the joint rate provisions in effect since September, 1961. Due to the impractical and costly operational function necessary to effect the physical interchange of freight between Interlines-Blankenship and Speedy, both of said carriers mutually agreed in December of 1963 to divert all such traffic to other motor carriers subject to joint rates published in another bureau tariff.² According to the application, no traffic whatsoever has been interchanged between Interlines-Blankenship and Speedy since December of 1963 and no interchange of such traffic is contemplated in the future.

¹ These joint rates are published in West Coast Freight Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local and Joint Freight Tariff No. 7, Cal.P.U.C. No. 8, of Richard A. Bennett, Agent.

² Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau California Motor Freight Local and Joint Freight and Express Tariff No. 16, Cal.P.U.C. No. 19 (Freight), of C. R. Nickerson, Agent.

Applicant states that, in addition to the expense of maintaining the joint rates in the aforementioned tariff, it is required to pay separate participation fees to the Bureau for each of several publications that govern such joint rates. It is asserted that these participation fees are an undue financial burden upon applicant inasmuch as no revenue is generated under the joint rates involved. Applicant avers that its participation in such Bureau tariffs is limited to joint intrastate rates with Speedy and that the cancellation of such joint rates will not be adverse to the public interest since competitive joint rate provisions with other motor carriers are in effect in the aforesaid Tariff No. 26 of Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau. Ex parte action is requested.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was mailed to Speedy Transport, Inc., on May 19, 1964. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that cancellation of through routes and joint rates as proposed in this application is justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

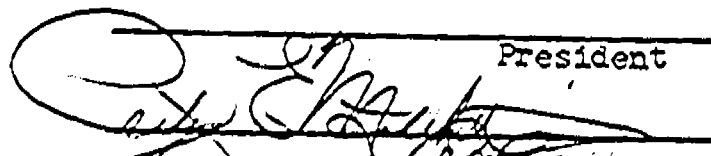
IT IS ORDERED that:

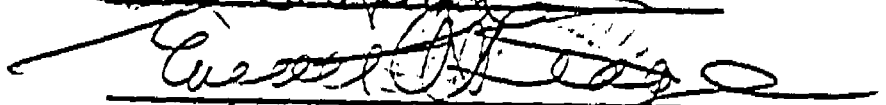
1. Interlines-Blankenship Motor Express is hereby authorized to cancel its participation in tariffs naming through routes and joint rates with Speedy Transport, Inc., as proposed in this application.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

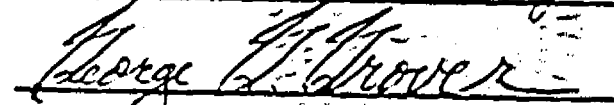
3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.


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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of June, 1964.



President






Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.