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Decision No. <u>74502</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of PONY EXPRESS, a California) corporation, to charge less than) the minimum rates established by) the California Public Utilities) Commission as authorized in) Section 3666 of the Public) Utilities Code of the State) of California.)

Application No. 50345 (Filed June 24, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

Pony Express, a corporation, holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. By Decision No. 72842 dated August 1, 1967, in Application No. 49482 applicant was authorized (a) to assess rates different from those otherwise applicable but not less than the second-class rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2; and (b) to use a manifest type freight bill listing various shipments thereon, in lieu of individual freight bills for each shipment in connection with the transportation of certain automobile parts and accessories from the General Motors Corporation, General Motors Parts Division, warehouses in Van Nuys and Los Angeles to points in southern California. The current authority is scheduled to expire with August 26, 1968.

By this application, authority is sought to continue the present deviation from the minimum rates for an additional one-year period. Applicant also requests that the authority be modified to include shipments of automobile parts and accessories from the shipper's new warehouse located in Santa Fe Springs.

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According to the application, important economies in time and effort in rating and billing have been effected by applicant and the shipper, which warrant the continuance of the current authority. Applicant declares that a study it made of shipments transported for a two-day period during June, 1968, shows that the overall revenue it received under the authorized second-class rates was 1.2922 percent more than the revenue which would have been collected under the applicable minimum rates on each commodity.

The application shows that a copy thereof was mailed to California Trucking Association on or about June 19, 1968. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 26, 1968. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates and the issuance of manifest type freight bills for shipments that are transported under said rates are reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

l. Pony Express, a corporation, is hereby authorized:(a) to assess rates different from those otherwise applicable but

Applicant's analysis of shipments transported on June 5 and 6, 1968, shows total revenue received of \$4,523.74 for 420 shipments compared to \$4,466.03 that would have accrued under the applicable minimum rates.

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not less than the second-class rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 to and including August 31, 1968; (b) to assess rates different from those otherwise applicable but not less than the Class 85 rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 on and after September 1, 1968; and (c) to depart from the requirements of Item No. 255 of said tariff by using a manifest type freight bill for the transportation of automobile parts and accessories (except fenders and auto engine hoods) from warehouses of General Motors Corporation, General Motors Parts Division, in Van Nuys, Los Angeles and Santa Fe Springs, to points in southern California located outside the Los Angeles drayage area as defined in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5.

2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after August 26, 1968, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 72842, and shall expire with August 26, 1969.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 62 day of August, 1968.

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