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Decision No. <u>75949</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. 51192 (Filed June 24, 1969)

OPINION AND ORDER

Pony Express, a corporation, holds radial highway CORMON CARTION and highway contract corrier permits. By Decision No. 74502, dated August 6, 1968, in Application No. 50345, applicant was authorized (a) to assess rates different from those otherwise applicable but not less than the Class 85 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, Los Angeles and Santa Fe Springs to points in southern California. The current authority is scheduled to expire with August 26, 1969.

By this application, authority is sought to continue the present deviation from the minimum rates for an additional one-year period. According to the application, important economies in time and effort in rating and billing have been effected by applicant

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and the shipper, which warrant the continuance of the current authority. Applicant declares that a study it made of 414 shipments transported for a two-day period during May 1969, shows that the overall revenue it received under the authorized rates was 0.732 percent or \$32.98 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. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar. 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:

1. Pony Express, a corporation, is hereby authorized to assess rates different from those otherwise applicable but not less than the Class 85 rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 and 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.

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^{1/} Applicant's analysis of shipments transported on May 14 and 15, 1969, shows total revenue received of \$4,537.88 for 420 shipments compared to \$4,504.90 that would have accrued under the applicable minimum rates.

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2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after August 26, 1969, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 74502, and shall expire with August 26, 1970.

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

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Commissioner Fred P. Morrissoy, being necessarily absent. did not participato in the disposition of this proceeding.

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