

Decision No. 105057.

## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 HIGHWAY TRANSPORT COMPANY, a corpor- )  
 ation, petitioning the Railroad Com- )  
 mission for authority to adjust ) Application No. 7699.  
 freight rates by auto truck between )  
 San Jose and San Francisco and inter- )  
 mediate points. )

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding the Highway Transport Company, a corporation, by Charles K. Harper, its Manager, makes application petitioning the Railroad Commission for authority to adjust freight rates by auto truck between San Jose and San Francisco and intermediate points, in accordance with schedule attached to and made a part of the application in the above entitled proceeding.

It was testified by the applicant that the Highway Transport Company are now using a tariff which they thought, and had been informed, had been filed with the Railroad Commission. The tariff referred to was a joint tariff of the Santa Clara Steamship Company and the Highway Transport Company, covering traffic moving by steamer between San Francisco and Alviso, and by motor truck between Alviso and San Jose. The matter had been brought to the Commission's attention, and when it was taken up with the applicant, he immediately filed the above entitled application in order to bring his operations within the law.

Applicant's Exhibit "A," showing the revenue and expenses for the last three months of 1921, indicates that the Company operated at a deficit of \$1,542.56. Applicant's Exhibit "B," showing revenue and expenses for the first three months of 1922, shows a net earning of \$131.06, not taking into consideration depreciation. Applicant estimated that by the application of the proposed rates, there would accrue a net earning, estimated for one year, of \$1,647.38.

While detailed figures are not available for the entire year, there is sufficient evidence to indicate that the applicant is operating at less than a reasonable return, and is entitled to relief.

In granting the application in this proceeding, the Commission will expect the applicant to furnish the Commission for six months, beginning June 1, 1922, a detailed report of operating revenue and expenses by months, said report to be in the hands of the Commission not later than the 15th of the succeeding month, in order that the Commission may determine whether or not the rates authorized yield more than a reasonable return.

#### O R D E R

Highway Transport Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for authority to adjust its rates for the carriage of freight by motor truck between San Francisco and San Jose and intermediate points, a public hearing having been held, and the Commission being fully informed in the matter;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the applicant do, and he is hereby, authorized to adjust rates in accordance with the application in this proceeding, and that the applicant, Highway Transport Company, furnish the Commission a detailed report of revenue and expenses beginning June 1, 1922, such

report to be filed with the Railroad Commission not later than the 15th of each month, for the preceding month, such reports to continue for six months - November, 1922, being the last month for report.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the rates and rules herein authorized may be filed on one (1) day's notice to the Commission and to the public.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1922.

H. B. Brundage

Charles H. Taylor  
J. F. Madden  
Commissioners.