Decision No. <u>20375</u>.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) National Perishable Freight Committee) App to amend perishable protective tariff.)

Application No. 21500

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

By application filed September 25, 1937, carriers participating in R.C. Dearborn's Perishable Protective Tariff No. 9, C.R.C. No. 8, seek authority under Section 63 of the Public Utilities Act to modify certain charges for icing and refrigeration services published in said tariff.

Specifically, epplicants propose to cancel the present charges for top icing mixed shipments of fruits and vegetables named in Section A paragraph B, Rule 242 of Supplement 6 to Perishable Protective Tariff No. 9, C.R.C. No. 8, I.C.C. 9, and to substitute therefor the following charges:

TOP ICING			
On shipments transported between stations in	10,000 pounds	15,000 pounds	20,000 pounds
One single origin group	\$5.00	\$ 7.50	\$10.00
Two origin groups	7.50	11.25	15.00
Three or more origin groups	8.00	12.00	16.00

Applicants allege the proposed changes will operate in a majority of instances as reductions, although in a few instances slight increases may result. Applicants also allege that the proposed change will establish the same basis for charges on intrastate traffic as is presently employed in interstate traffic. Applicants further allege that certain accounting complications arise when shipments are

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diverted from interstate to intrastate destinations due to the present dissimilarity of the bases for charges, which difficulties will be eliminated by the establishment of uniform bases for both intrastate and interstate traffic.

It appears that the changes proposed by the carriers will result in but few increases, if any, and that in the majority of cases the changes will result in reductions. It is also apparent that the establishment of the uniform interstate and intrastate bases will result in substantial benefit to shippers and carriers, especially in the case of shipments diverted to intrastate destinations. It further appears that these are matters in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the carriers be and they are hereby authorized to publish and file the modified charges for top icing mixed shipments of fruits and vegetables sought in their application.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this _____day of _____

Commissioners.