

Decision No. 21993

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of BEKINS VAN & STORAGE CO., a corporation, for authority to deviate from rates as prescribed in Decision No. 29891, as amended, in Cases 4086 and 4099; Decision No. 29480, as amended, in Case No. 4088, Part M; Decision No. 31473, in Case No. 4121, and other orders covering the rates to be charged in moving household goods and personal effects.

Application No. 22643

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Bekins Van & Storage Co., a corporation engaged in the transportation of property as a radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier, seeks authority to prepare for shipment and to transport crated and uncrated household goods and personal effects of the personnel of the United States Navy, and other personnel of the United States Government who are entitled to receive such service from the government, at contract rates which would in some instances result in charges less than those which would accrue under rates heretofore established as minimum by the Commission. The service involved is to be performed for the Naval Supply Depot, San Diego, during the period from April 1 to June 30, 1939, within certain areas designated in the proposed contract as the Long Beach District, San Pedro-Wilmington District and Los Angeles District.

Applicant alleges that it has had long experience in the handling of similar contracts and traffic for the United States Navy, and based upon such experience it alleges that the revenue which would be received at the proposed rates would aggregate as much as,

if not more than, that which would accrue under strict application of the established minimum rates.¹ Applicant further alleges that the proposed rates are reasonable, and would not constitute an unjust or unreasonable discrimination against any other shipper or traffic; and that all but a small percentage of the tonnage to be handled under the proposed contract would be transported in interstate, rather than intrastate, commerce.

In view of the fact that the established rates for the local transportation of household goods are in most instances named on an hourly basis, whereas the government bid form requires rates to be stated in cents per 100 pounds, it is apparent that some deviation from minimum rates is unavoidable if applicant is to comply with the government requirements. This application alleges that in the aggregate the proposed rates would return a greater revenue than would the established minimum rates. The relief here sought is comparable in many respects to that heretofore granted to the same applicant in connection with service performed for the Naval Supply Depot, San Diego, during the period from January 1 to March 31, 1939, within the Long Beach District and the San Diego District.² The rates and charges proposed in the instant application appear to be in general somewhat higher than those authorized for the prior period.

Under the circumstances it appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary, and that the application should be granted; therefore, good cause appearing,

¹ Comparison may not be readily made between the proposed rates and those heretofore established as minimum, as the former are named in cents per 100 pounds as required in the government bid form, whereas the latter are in most instances prescribed on an hourly basis. The established minimum rates were prescribed by Decision No. 29891, as amended, in Case No. 4086; Decision No. 29480, as amended, in Case No. 4088, Part "M"; and Decision No. 31473 in Case No. 4121.

² Decision No. 31595 of December 27, 1938, in Application No. 22422, Application of Bekins Van & Storage Co.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled application
be and it is hereby granted.

The authority herein granted shall expire with June 30,
1939, unless sooner cancelled, changed or extended by order of the
Commission.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day
of March, 1939.

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