

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 35795

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of BIGGE DRAYAGE CO. for author- )  
ity under Section 10 of City Car- )  
riers' Act to perform transporta- )  
tion at a lesser rate than the )  
established minimum rates. )

Application No. 25261

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Bigge Drayage Co., a city carrier, seeks authority to transport steel invasion barges for Soule Steel Company from its plant in San Francisco to points on the San Francisco waterfront at less than the minimum rates established for such transportation in Rates for San Francisco City Carriers, 39 C.R.C. 636, as amended.

The operation involved contemplates the loading, transporting, unloading and launching of steel barges weighing approximately 51,000 pounds and measuring 15 ft. in height, 14 ft. in width and 50 ft. in length. This operation is said to require specialized low-bed shovel trailer and towing equipment and specially trained personnel.

Applicant seeks authority to observe a flat rate of \$107.50 in lieu of the applicable minimum rates of 35 and 41½ cents per 100 pounds for intra and interzone transportation, respectively. Computed on an approximate weight of 51,000 pounds, the aggregate per-barge charge under the present rates would be \$178.50 for an intra-zone movement and \$211.65 for inter-zone transportation.

Applicant alleges that the minimum rates produce charges which are excessive and that the proposed rate would be compensatory for the transportation in question. Applicant further alleges that specific minimum hourly rates are provided for transportation of property requiring equipment of the type here involved in the East Bay Drayage area; that these rates provide a proper basis for determining reasonable charges for transportation performed in San Francisco because wages and transportation conditions in San Francisco are substantially similar to those obtaining in the East Bay; and that on this basis the charges which would have accrued on shipments which applicant has already transported would have been as follows:

Shipment Moved	August 1	August 2	August 7	August 26	September 4
Type of Haul	Inter-zone	Intra-zone	Intra-zone	Intra-zone	Intra-zone
Number of Barges	3	2	2	1	3
Per-Barge Charge	\$164.60	\$118.87	\$112.35	\$110.00	\$ 72.88

Applicant attributed the decrease in per-barge charges for the latter shipments to the fact that as its experience in handling increased it was able to reduce considerably the time required to perform the transportation.

This does not appear to be a matter requiring public hearing. The record indicates that the present rates are excessive for the transportation involved and that the proposed rate is compensatory

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Decision No. 29217, as amended, in Cases Nos. 4108 and 4109 established a rate of \$8.00 per hour, including driver, on equipment having a capacity of over 20 tons to and including 30 tons. Additional charges of \$1.50 per man per hour for helpers as well as extra charges for service performed at other than regular working hours were also established.

for such transportation. The application will be granted.

Inasmuch as the conditions under which this transportation service is to be rendered may change at any time, the authority will be limited to a one year period unless sooner changed, canceled or extended.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Bigge Drayage Co. be and it is hereby authorized to transport steel invasion barges not exceeding 53,000 pounds in weight for Soule Steel Company from its San Francisco plant to points on the San Francisco waterfront at rates less than the minimum rates established for that transportation in Decision No. 28632 of March 16, 1938, as amended, in Case No. 4084, but not less than \$107.50 per barge, said rate to include their loading, unloading and launching.

The authority herein granted shall expire one (1) year from the date hereof unless sooner changed, canceled or extended by appropriate order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 1942.

Justus F. Brewer  
W. H. [unclear]  
Francis D. Havens  
Richard [unclear]  
Commissioners