

Decision No.  $\underline{-36485}$ 

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ) J. A. Clark Draying Co., a corpora- ) tion, A. D. Paxton (Paxton Truck Co.)) and M. E. DeLair & R. B. Rennick ) (DeLair Truck Co.) for relief from ) observance of minimum rates estab- ) lished by Decision No. 28761 as ) supplemented by Decision No. 28831. )



Application No. 20629

In the Matter of the Application of J. A. CLARK DRAYING COMPANY, LTD., a corporation, For Relief From Ob- ) servance of Minimum Rates Estab- ) lished by Decision No. 29480 as Modi-) fied by Decision No. 29592. )

Application No. 21087

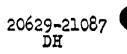
BY THE COMMISSION:

## SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

These applications involve city and highway carrier service performed for Columbia Steel Company. Applicant J. A. Clark Draying Company, Ltd. transports specified iron and steel articles from the steel company's plants in Los Angeles and Torrance to points in those cities and in designated adjacent areas. For this transportation, the draying company was authorized to observe rates lower than those otherwise established as

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Similar transportation service performed by applicants A. D. Paxton (Paxton Truck Co.) and M. E. DeLair & R. B. Rennick (De Lair Truck Co.) and formerly involved in Application No. 20629 is now covered by Applications Nos. 21893 and 22734.



minima. These authorizations expired July 8, 1943. By supplemental application their reestablishment for an indefinite period is requested.

It is represented that while the volume of traffic from the Los Angeles plant has recently decreased, the number of places at which deliveries are made has also decreased. These changed conditions, applicant claims, have not impaired its ability to perform the service on a compensatory basis. From the Torrance plant, it is asserted, there has been a substantial increase in the volume of traffic. In other respects, conditions surrounding the service assertedly have not materially changed. Operations under the authorized rates are said to have been profitable.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that reinstatement of the authorizations is justified. Due, however, to the possibility that the conditions under which the service involved is rendered may change at any time, the extension will be limited to a one-year period, unless sooner changed, canceled or further extended.

Permission to observe these lower rates was first granted by Decisions Nos. 29105 of September 14, 1936, and 29786 of May 24, 1937, in Applications Nos. 20629 and 21087, respectively. These authorizations expired May 23, 1941. They were reestablished by Decisions Nos. 34399 and 34400 of July 8, 1941. The rates observed by applicant for transportation from the Los Angeles plant under the authorized bases range from \$1 per shipment for shipments weighing 250 pounds and under, to 5 cents per 100 pounds on shipments weighing more than 10,000 pounds. From the Torrance plant, the rates range from 10 cents per 100 pounds on any-quantity shipments, to 72 cents per 100 pounds on shipments weighing 10,000 pounds or more. Minimum rates applicable to the transportation involved from the Los Angeles plant, prescribed by Decision No. 32504 (42 C.R.C. 239), as amended, range from 30 cents per 100 pounds, any quantity, to 4 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 20,000 pounds. Minimum rates applicable to transportation from the Torrance plant, prescribed by Decision No. 31606 (41 C.R.C. 671), as amended, range from 31 cents per 100 pounds any quantity to 7 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 20,000 pounds. 20629-21087

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the authorizations granted J. A. Clark Draying Company, Ltd., by Decisions Nos. 34399 and 34400 of July 8, 1941, as amended, in the above entitled applications, be and they are hereby reinstated for a period of one year from the effective date of this order, 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  $\frac{3}{2}$  day of July, 1943.

Commissioners