Decision No. <u>37354</u>

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation upon) the Commission's own motion into the) operations, rates, rules, regulations,) charges, contracts and practices of) common highway and city carriers trans-) porting sand, rock, gravel and other) commodities in dump body trucks within) or adjacent to the Los Angeles Basin) area for compensation or hire.)

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Case No. 4637

- E. O. Blackman, for California Dump Truck Owners' Association, Interested Party.
- H. F. G. Pelsue, for Graham Brothers, Inc., Interested Party.
 - M. H. Graham, for Pacific Rock and Gravel Company, Protestant.
 - M. R. Harrison, for Harrison, Nichols Company, Interested Party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

<u>o p i n i o n</u>

Case No. 4637 is an investigation into the operations, rates, rules, regulations, charges, contracts, and practices of common carriers as defined in the Public Utilities Act, highway carriers as defined in the Highway Carriers' Act, and carriers as defined in the City Carriers' Act, engaged in transporting sand, rock, gravel, and other commodities in dump trucks within the Los Angeles Basin erea.

Public hearing was had before Examiner Gorman at Los Angeles on May 7, 1942, the Examiner's proposed report was distributed on October 6, 1942, and some exceptions were subsequently filed by interested parties.

This matter was held in abeyance, awaiting clarification of certain conflicts previously existing between orders of the Office of Price Administration and this Commission. The period since submission of this matter has been characterized by

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changes in trucking costs and in transportation conditions, and final disposition of the proceeding upon the record now available would be subject to practical as well as technical objections. Under these circumstances no order will be issued at this time. The proceeding may be scheduled for further hearing and the introduction of current evidence at an appropriate time upon petition of interested parties or upon the Commission's own motion.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>26 th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 1944.