

ORIGINALDecision No. 38720

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the (Application)
of HIGHWAY TRANSPORT, INC., a)
corporation, for authority to) Application No. 26858
increase rates.)

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

For the reasons set forth in Decision No. 38184 of August 28, 1945, in this proceeding, Highway Transport, Inc. was authorized to increase its local rates by 10 per cent. The authority was limited to a 180-day period. The increases established pursuant thereto were made effective September 4, 1945, and will expire March 3, 1946.

By verified supplemental application, extension of the authority is sought. Applicant alleges that the conditions requiring the higher rates still prevail. It further alleges that it will continue to require the revenues derived from the increased rates at least until such time as a decision is rendered in Case No. 4208, the Commission's general investigation into rates or practices of highway and city carriers. A statement of revenues and expenses reflecting applicant's experience for the first four months' operation under the increased rates was submitted. This statement is summarized below:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net Profit or Loss</u>
September	\$56,889.96	\$62,380.35	<u>(\$5,490.39)</u>
October	65,768.93	64,241.21	1,527.72
November	61,728.31	61,622.80	105.51
December	51,289.78	58,458.99	<u>(7,169.21)</u>
Total	\$235,676.98	\$246,703.35	<u>(\$11,026.37)</u>

 - Denotes Loss.

In addition to the expenses shown in the statement, \$5,646.50 accrued during this period under a retroactive wage agreement. The total indicated operating loss is thus \$16,672.87 for the period.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that extension of applicant's authority is justified. The authority will be extended to July 28, 1946, the expiration date of a similar increase granted Valley Express Company and Valley Motor Lines, Inc., carriers with which applicant competes in certain territory.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the authority to maintain increased rates and charges granted by Decision No. 38184 in this proceeding be and it is hereby extended to July 28, 1946, unless sooner changed, canceled or further extended by appropriate order of the Commission; and, that tariff publications may be made pursuant to this authorization on not less than two (2) days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

The authority herein granted shall be void unless exercised within thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

This order shall become effective upon the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of February, 1946.

Harold Palmer
Justin J. Casper
James J. Dwyer
Harriet Hull
 Commissioners