

Decision No. 39339

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
SIGNAL TRUCKING SERVICE, LTD., a)	
corporation, for authority to depart)	
from the rates, rules and regulations)	Application No. 27666
of Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2)	
under the provisions of the Highway)	
Carriers Act.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a highway and city carrier. It seeks authority to deviate from the minimum rates established by Decision No. 31606, as amended, in Case No. 4246 in re Rates of All Common and Highway Carriers in connection with the transportation of property for Sears, Roebuck and Company. The transportation involved is between points in the Los Angeles drayage area on the one hand and Compton, Glendale, Inglewood, Long Beach, Pasadena, Santa Monica and one of the company's stores on Westwood Boulevard, Los Angeles, on the other hand.

The minimum highway carrier rates prescribed for the transportation in question are stated in cents per 100 pounds and vary according to the classification of the commodities and the weights of the individual shipments. In lieu of these rates, applicant proposes to observe the weekly and monthly rates stated in dollars per unit of equipment and applicable to property regardless of classification, which have been established as minima for transportation within the Los Angeles drayage area (Decision No. 32504, as amended, in Case No. 4121). The authority sought is essentially the same as that granted to applicant, following public hearing, by Decision No. 34980 dated February 3, 1942 in Application No. 23931,

and which lapsed on February 23, 1943.

The verified application shows that similar transportation service is being performed for Sears, Roebuck and Company within the Los Angeles drayage area under weekly and monthly rates; that, in connection with highway carrier transportation, the granting of the authority sought will eliminate the necessity of classifying property and minimize billing expense; that the shipper will load and unload applicant's equipment, eliminating this expense and reducing supervision costs; and that authority to observe the proposed rates is necessary to prevent the diversion of the traffic to proprietary carriage.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the relief sought is justified under present conditions. Due to the possibility that these conditions may change at any time, the authority will be limited to a period of one year and made subject to earlier cancellation, modification or extension by appropriate order of the Commission.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Signal Trucking Service, Ltd. be and it is hereby authorized to transport property for Sears, Roebuck & Company at rates less than the minimum rates established by Decision No. 31606, as amended, in Case No. 4246, but not less than the minimum rates set forth in Item No. 430 series of City Carriers' Tariff No. 4, Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 5, (Appendix "A" to Decision No. 32504 of October 24, 1939, as amended, in Case No. 4121), subject to the rules, regulations, conditions and restrictions set forth or specifically referred to in Appendix "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein

granted shall expire one year from the effective date of this order, unless sooner cancelled, changed or extended by appropriate order of the Commission.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 27th day of August, 1946.

Harold P. Kuhl
Justus F. Casner
W. M. C. C. C.
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A. F. C. C. C.
Commissioners.

APPENDIX "A" TO DECISION NO. 39339
IN APPLICATION NO. 27666

The rates authorized by this decision are subject to the following rules, regulations, conditions and restrictions:

1. Rates apply only for the transportation of property between stores, warehouses or other properties owned, leased, operated or controlled by Sears, Roebuck and Company.

2. Rates apply only for the transportation of property between points within the Los Angeles drayage area as described in Items Nos. 30, 31, 32 and 33 of City Carriers' Tariff No. 4, Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 5 (Appendix "A" to Decision No. 32504 of October 24, 1939, as amended, in Case No. 4121); and between points within said Los Angeles drayage area on the one hand and Compton, Glendale, Inglewood, Long Beach, Pasadena, Santa Monica and the Sears, Roebuck and Company store located in the vicinity of 1101 Westwood Boulevard, Los Angeles, on the other hand.

3. Rates are subject to Items Nos. 10, 11, 30, 31, 32, 33, 150, 160 and 401 series of said City Carriers' Tariff No. 4, Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 5.

4. Signal Trucking Service, Ltd. shall issue, for each vehicle furnished, a shipping document containing a certification that during the period covered by the document the vehicle was operated only in transportation service for which rates are provided by this decision (or full explanation of other operations, with reference to shipping documents covering); showing rates and charges assessed; and containing all such information respecting each of the factors entering into the computation of the charges as may be necessary to verify the lawfulness of the charges assessed. Signal Trucking Service, Ltd. shall retain and preserve a copy of each such shipping document, subject to the Commission's inspection, for a period of not less than three (3) years from the date of its issuance.

END OF APPENDIX "A"