

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 39697

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 DUNN BROTHERS, a copartnership, to)
 charge rates based upon a unit of) Application No. 28056
 measurement different from the)
 established unit of measurement.)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Dunn Brothers, operating as a highway contract carrier, seek authority to deviate from the minimum rates established for the transportation and stringing of steel pipe. The pipe will be shipped from Maywood. It will be hauled to and strung along a pipeline right-of-way extending between Santa Fe Springs and the California-Arizona State line near Blythe, as a segment of the "Texas-to-California" gas transmission line. The pipe will be 30 inches in diameter and will weigh approximately 100 pounds per linear foot. The rate proposed to be charged is 60 cents per linear foot, the equivalent of 60 cents per 100 pounds. The applicable minimum rates for transportation are stated in cents per 100 pounds. The truckload rates range from 8 cents for the 15-mile haul to Santa Fe Springs to 40-cents for the 238-mile haul to Blythe. For the stringing operation the rates are stated in cents per hour. The highest rate, that for a large truck-trailer unit, is \$6.53 per hour.

The verified application shows that the usual unit of measurement in the pipeline construction industry is the linear foot; that a rate for the transportation and stringing of pipe based on this unit is desired because it conforms with this practice; that studies have indicated that the proposed rate will be compensatory and substantially in excess of the prescribed minimum rates; and that the use of the proposed rate will permit an accurate and simple method of

arriving at freight charges.

Under the circumstances, it appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the sought authority is justified. Because 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 Ernest C. Dunn and Ellis E. Dunn, copartners doing business as Dunn Brothers, be and they are authorized to assess and collect a rate of 60 cents per linear foot for the transportation of steel pipe, outside diameter 30 inches, for H. C. Price Company from the plant of Consolidated Steel Corporation at Maywood to points of destination on the pipeline right-of-way, extending generally between Santa Fe Springs and the California-Arizona State line near Blythe, and for stringing operations in connection therewith.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire one (1) 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 the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of December, 1946.

Harold Hule
James J. Calver
Thomas E. ...
Frank Powell
P. J. ...
 Commissioners