Decision No. 40453

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM, LTD.) for authority to assess less than) minimum rates.)

Application No. 25535 (2nd Supplemental)

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

This proceeding involves transportation of diatomaceous earth, shipped in sacks, loaded on pallets. The earth is hauled from the plant of the Dicalite Company situated in the vicinity of Torrance to points within the corporate limits of that city. The minimum rate prescribed by Decision No. 31606, as amended, in Case No. 4246, for this transportation is 5% cents per 100 pounds (\$1.10 per ton), minimum weight 36,000 pounds for shipment. By Decision No. 39033, of May 28, 1946, in this proceeding, applicant was authorized to observe a rate of 41 cents per ton, subject to a minimun weight of 30,000 pounds per shipment. The authority expired May 28, 1947. Applicant proposes that the minimum weight requirement be increased from 30,000 pounds per shipment to 50,000 pounds per day and that as so modified the authority be extended for a one-year period.

The verified supplemental application shows that the transportation in question is performed in a shuttle type operation, and that the shipper loads and unloads applicant's equipment and prepares the shipping documents. It is represented that the proposed modification in minimum weight requirements is in keeping with the type of service rendered. It is also represented that wages are a relatively small part of applicant's operating costs, that the proposed rate will be compensatory, and that the sought authority is required to

As the authority has expired, the application will be considered as a request for reinstatement.

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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 sought authority is justified.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

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IT IS MEREBY ORDERED that Direct Delivery System, Ltd. be and it is hereby authorized to assess and collect for the transportation of diatomaceous earth, in sacks, from the plant of the Dicalite Company located adjacent to the southerly city limits of Torrance to points within the city of Torrance, rates and charges less than the minimum rates and charges established by the Commission but in no event less than 41 cents per ton of 2,000 pounds, subject to a minimum weight of 50,000 pounds for each day that the carrier's equipment is operated in this service; that transportation charges and minimum weight shall be computed upon the basis of the actual weight of the diatomaceous earth and sacks; that no additional charges are required to be made for the transportation of pallets in either direction; and that the authority herein granted shall expire one (1) year from the effective date of the order, unless sooner cancelled, changed or extended by appropriate order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof. Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>24</u> day of June, 1947.

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