

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 40973

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
STEPHEN W. BOWMAN to charge less) Application No. 28873
than established minimum rates.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a highway contract carrier. By Decision No. 39374 of September 3, 1946, in Application No. 27781, he was authorized to transport dry goods, groceries, hardware and other provisions and supplies between Hollister and San Benito and intermediate points at lower rates than the established minimum rates. This authorization expired on September 23, 1947. Its reinstatement is now sought.

The verified application shows that the conditions surrounding the transportation in issue have not changed materially since the rates for this transportation were last considered approximately a year ago, that higher rates than those proposed to be reinstated will result in the loss of business to proprietary carriage and deprive applicant of needed revenues, and that the handling of the traffic involved is not competitive with other for-hire carriers.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted. The authorization will be limited to a one-year period, subject to earlier modification, cancellation or extension because of the possibility that conditions surrounding this transportation may change at any time.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Stephen W. Bowman be, and he is hereby authorized to transport property as a highway contract carrier between Hollister and San Benito and intermediate points, at rates less than the established minimum rates but not less than the rates set forth in Appendix "A" to Decision No. 39374 of September 3, 1946, in Application No. 27781:

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire one (1) year from the effective date of this order unless sooner changed, cancelled or extended by order of the Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of November, 1947.

Harold H. Kule
Justice J. C. Green
Charles H. Powell
A. J. [unclear]
Kenneth [unclear]
 Commissioners