

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 41486

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
FORTIER TRANSPORTATION CO., a co-
partnership, for authority to depart
from the rules and regulations of
Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2, under
the provisions of the Highway
Carriers Act.

Application No. 26241
(Fifth Supplemental)

FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

This proceeding involves rates for the transportation of groceries from Fresno to points within a 120-mile radius of that city. The service in question is performed by Fortier Transportation Company for the Better Buy Grocery Company. By Decision No. 37338 of September 20, 1944, as amended, Fortier has been authorized to deviate from the established minimum rates by classifying the property shipped on a fixed percentage basis and by observing a flat split delivery rate. Per-shipment charges may not be less than those produced by a rate of 23½ cents per 100 pounds. The authorization expires April 30, 1948. Applicant proposes a one-year extension with the minimum per-shipment rate increased to 27 cents.

The verified supplemental application shows that the circumstances and conditions which have heretofore justified deviation from the minimum rates for the traffic in question continue to prevail. It also shows that operating costs have risen since this matter was last considered and that these increases would be compensated for by the proposed adjustment of the minimum per-shipment rate. Allegedly, operations on the requested basis will return a reasonable profit.

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It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary, and that granting of the sought authority is justified.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Decision No. 37338, as amended, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby further amended by providing that the per-shipment charges determined thereunder shall not be less than those produced by a rate of 27 cents per 100 pounds, and by extending the expiration date to April 30, 1949, unless sooner changed or further extended by appropriate order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective May 1, 1948.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of April, 1948.

R. F. Johnson
Justus F. Calver
Grant Powell
Henrietta Potts
Commissioners