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Decision No. 43870

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of A. D. PAXTON and J. C. PETERS, a copartnership doing business as DELAIR TRUCK CO., for authority to charge less than minimum rates under Sections 10 and 11 of the City Carriers' Act and the Highway Carriers' Act, respectively, for the transportation of iron and steel articles and other commodities for Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corporation and Bethlehem Supply Company.

Application No. 29891 (First Supplemental)

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants transport iron and steel articles and other commodities for the Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corporation and the Bethlehem Supply Company. This transportation is performed between the manufacturing plants of these companies and points within a radius of 25 miles of First and Main Streets, Los Angeles. Decision No. 42551 of February 23, 1949, as amended, in this proceeding, authorized the observance of rates lower than the minimum rates for such transportation but not lower than one-half cent per one hundred pounds less than the minimum rates in effect January 10, 1949. The authority is scheduled to expire March 15, 1950. Permission thereafter to continue to observe the present rates for a one-year period is now sought.

The verified supplemental application shows that although fow upward revisions in costs have occurred they have been offset by an increase in the volume of traffic and by more efficient operations due to the manner in which the freight is tendered to the carrier. The application further shows that the present rates may reasonably be expected to be profitable during the ensuing year.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the supplemental application should be granted. The order herein will be made effective March 15, 1950, so

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that there will be no lapse of applicants' authority to deviate from the minimum rates otherwise applicable.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREEY ORDERED that the expiration date of the authority granted by Decision No. 42551 of February 23, 1949, as amended, in this proceeding be and it is hereby extended to March 15, 1951, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective March 15, 1950. Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>28</u> day of February, 1950.

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