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Decision No. <u>45446</u>

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Dumbarton Bridge ) Company for authority to carry ) out the terms of an agreement ) with Leslie Salt Co. )

Application No. 32172

## OPINION AND ORDER

Dumbarton Bridge Company operates a toll-bridge across the southern part of San Francisco Bay. By this application it seeks authority to enter into an agreement with Leslie Salt Co. providing toll charges for the movement of salt by Leslie at rates differing from those set forth in the bridge company's filed tariff. It asks that the authority be made effective immediately.

The sought rate is S cents per ton covering both loaded and empty movements of vehicles used in moving the salt. The agreement provides for a minimum movement of 150,000 tons of salt annually. The present applicable toll charge per truck is \$2.15 loaded and \$1.25 empty.

Leslie operates facilities for the recovery of salt along the eastern bridge approach and has a stock pile and dock facilities near the terminus of the western bridge approach.

The verified application shows that the anticipated revenue per trip would be approximately \$1.92; that 300,000 tons per year are expected to cross the bridge; and that this movement commenced February 10, 1951. The application further shows that Leslie, by rights held by predecessors in interest, is entitled to use the entire eastern approach to the bridge and the larger portion of the western approach without charge; that the volume of movement contemplated under the agreement would result in increased

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net revenues to the Bridge corporation and that the proposed arrangement would not burden the general public.

It appears that in the circumstances the proposed agreement should be authorized. A public hearing is not necessary.

Because the conditions now existing may change at any time the authority will be limited to a one-year period. Due to the transportation involved now being under way, the order which follows will be made effective ten days after the date hereof.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Dumbarton Bridge Company, a corporation, and Leslie Salt Co., a corporation, be and they are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for a period of one (1) year in a form substantially the same as that attached to the application; and that Dumbarton Bridge Company, under the terms of the above agreement, is authorized to assess, in lieu of tariff rates, toll charges of eight (8) cents per ton on salt, subject to a minimum of 150,000 tons per year, transported across the bridge for Leslie Salt Co., and including return of the empty truck.

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

This order shall become effective ten (10) days after the date hereof.  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>13</u> day of March, 1951.

Commissioners

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