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Decision No. <u>45771</u>

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) A. M. Gross and F. Gross, copartners) doing business under the firm name) and style of Gross Systems, for) authority to charge less than minimum) rates under the provisions of the) Highway Carriers' Act.)

Application No. 22240 (12th Supplemental)

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THIRTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants transport property for Certified Grocers, Inc., from Vernon to retail stores within a 100-mile radius of that city. Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized them to deviate from the minimum rates otherwise applicable to this transportation. This authority expires June 11, 1951. Applicants now seek authority thereafter to deviate from the minimum rates and to continue to observe their present rates for a further one-year period.

The verified supplemental application shows that increased costs have been experienced by applicants since this matter was last considered a year ago; that, in other respects, the conditions which now surround the transportation in question are similar to the conditions which justified previous deviation from the minimum rates; that, notwithstanding the higher costs, operations under the authorized rates have been profitable; and that profitable operations may reasonably be anticipated for the ensuing year.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the granting of the sought extension is justified. The order will be made effective June 11, 1951, so that there will be no lapse in applicants' authority to deviate from the minimum rates.

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Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the expiration date of the authority granted by Decision No. 32960 of April 2, 1940, as amended, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby extended to June 11, 1952. unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective June 11, 1951. Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>29th</u> day of May, 1951.