

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 45923

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
J. A. Clark Draying Company, Ltd.,)	
a corporation, for relief from)	
observance of minimum rates estab-)	Application No. 21087
lished by Decision No. 29480 as)	(Thirteenth Supplemental)
modified by Decision No. 29592.)	

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant transports iron and steel articles for Columbia Steel Company from Torrance to points within a 20-mile radius of that city. Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized it to observe rates of not less than 11½ cents per 100 pounds for lots of 10,000 pounds or more and not less than 16 cents per 100 pounds for smaller quantities. Thereunder, applicant may use the rates so authorized in lieu of the minimum rates otherwise applicable to the transportation involved. The minimum rates which are thus superseded vary with the classification of the commodity shipped and with the distance involved, as well as with the weight of the consignment. Applicant's present authority expires July 12, 1951. It seeks additional authority thereafter to charge less than the established minimum rates for a further one-year period. It proposes, however, that the rates it is now permitted to observe be revised by increasing the 11½-cent rate to 15 cents and the 16-cent rate to 21 cents.

The verified supplemental application shows that increased costs have been experienced by applicant since this matter was last

considered a year ago; that applicant has been charging the increased rates now proposed; that the volume of traffic has increased, tending to improve the over-all efficiency of the operation; that experience under the adjusted rates has been mutually satisfactory to applicant and the interested shipper; that the rates now being charged produce revenue equal to or in excess of the revenue that would accrue from the application of the established minimum rates; and 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. Applicant anticipates that a high level of traffic will prevail for the ensuing year and that other favorable conditions surrounding this transportation will also continue to prevail. It asserts that the continued application of the proposed rates may reasonably be expected to result in profitable operations for the one-year period involved in the sought extension of time.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the granting of the sought authority is justified. In order to prevent a lapse of applicant's authority to deviate from the minimum rates, the order herein will be made effective July 12, 1951.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Appendix "A" of Decision No. 29786 of May 24, 1937, as amended, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby further amended by substituting the following for Item No. 30 thereof.

<u>Item No. 30 - Rates</u>	
<u>Minimum Weight</u>	<u>Rates in Cents per 100 Pounds</u>
Any Quantity	21
10,000 Pounds	15

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the expiration date of the authority granted by Decision No. 34400 of July 8, 1941, as amended, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby extended to July 12, 1952, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective July 12, 1951.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of July, 1951.

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Commissioners