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Decision No. 46325

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BEFCRE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM, LTD., for authority to assess less than the minimum rates.

Application No. 30240 (2nd Supplemental)

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds a highway contract carrier permit. It transports soda ash for the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation from Westend, San Bernardino County, to Walteria, Los Angeles County. Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized it to observe a rate of 30¹/₂ cents per 100 pounds in lieu of the minimum rate of 37 cents otherwise applicable. The authority is scheduled to expire October 31, 1951. Permission is now sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rate for a further six-month period. Applicant proposes, however, that the authorized rate be increased from 30¹/₂ to 32 cents.

The verified supplemental application shows that, except for increased operating costs, the conditions surrounding the transportation in question which have justified deviation from the minimum rate still obtain; that the proposed increase in the authorized rate offsets the higher operating costs; that operations under the $30\frac{1}{2}$ cent rate have been profitable; and that the proposed 32-cent rate may reasonably be expected to result in profitable operations during the ensuing six months.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the sought modification and extension of applicant's authority is justified and should be granted. To prevent a lapse of the authority the order herein will be made effective Cctober 31, 1951.

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Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREEY ORDERED that Decision No. 43071 of June 28, 1949, as amended, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby further amended by substituting in the ordering paragraph thereof "at a rate of not less than 32 cents per 100 pounds" for "at a rate of not less than 30½ cents per 100 pounds"; and that the expiration date of the authority granted by said Decision No. 43071, as further amended herein, be and it is hereby extended to April 30, 1952, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective October 31, 1951.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>2314</u> day of Ortaker, 1951.

President

Commissioners