Decision No. 46641



BEFORL THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the application of BIGGE DRAYAGE CO., a corporation, for authority to depart from the rates, rules and regulations of Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2 under the provisions of the Highway Carriers' Act.

Application No. 32980

## OPINION AND ORDER

Bigge Drayage Co., a corporation, holds highway carrier permits. It is required to observe the provisions of Item No. 257 of Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2 that "rates or accessorial charges shall not be quoted or assessed by carriers based upon a unit of measurement different from that in which the minimum rates and charges in this tariff are stated." By this application Bigge seeks authority to deviate from the above requirements and to quote or assess transportation charges on different bases.

applicant states that a substantial portion of its operations is of a highly specialized nature conducted under conditions substantially different from those for which the minimum rates, rules and regulations are designed. Applicant further states that the transportation in question is of such a nature that shippers require quotations and billing to be on an hourly or other basis differing from that provided by the minimum rates. The charges assessed, however, are not less than those which would be produced by the minimum rates. Applicant is willing to compute the charges on the minimum rates, and to attach such computations to its file copies of freight bills.

It appears that, in respect to units of measurement, the transportation conditions here involved differ from those surrounding

traffic subject to the minimum rates generally and that the application should be granted. Because the conditions under which the service is performed may change at any time, the authority will be limited to a one-year period. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Bigge Drayage Co. be and it is hereby authorized to quote or assess rates or accessorial charges based upon a unit of measurement different from that in which the minimum rates and charges in Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2 are stated.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Bigge Drayage Co. shall retain and preserve copies of its freight bills, subject to the Commission's inspection, for a period of not less than three (3) years from the dates of issuance thereof; and that each such copy of its freight bills shall have attached thereto a statement of the charges which would have been assessed if the minimum rates had been applied and the full information necessary for accurate determination of the charges under the minimum rates.

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

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this

day of

mary, 1952.

President

Commissioners