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Decision No. 47285

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Fred Winkler, Sr., Ralph Winkler, Herman Winkler and Stanley Winkler, co-partners, doing business as Winkler Brothers Transportation, for authority to charge less than the minimum rates under the provisions of the Highway Carriers' Act.

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Application No. 32242

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants have been authorized to deviate from the established minimum rates in connection with the transportation of cement in bulk for Calaveras Cement Company from Kentucky House to the site of the Pine Flat Dam. The authority is scheduled to expire June 18, 1952. Permission is now sought to continue to observe the presently authorized rate for a further one-year period.

The verified application alleges that in general the conditions surrounding the transportation in question which justified deviation from the minimum rates still obtain; that operations under the authorized rate have been profitable; and that the continued application of the rate may reasonably be expected to be profitable during the ensuing year.

There is on file with the Commission in Case No. 4808 a petition of The Truck Owners Association of California seeking a general increase of 15 percent in the northern California minimum rates for the transportation of cement. Therein it is alleged that the proposed increase is urgently needed because higher costs and other circumstances and conditions have had an adverse effect on the carriers' revenues. The matter is now set for hearing on June 23, 1952.

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In the circumstances, applicants' allegations and their supporting representations are not fully persuasive that the sought one-year extension of the present rate should be granted without further investigation. Meanwhile, continuation of the present basis for a sixty-day period beyond the present expiration date will be authorized. To prevent a lapse of applicants' authority, the order will be made effective June 18, 1952.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the expiration date of the authority granted by Decision No. 45763 of May 29, 1951, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby extended to August 17, 1952, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective June 18, 1952.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17 day of June, 1952.

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