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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) THE CARROLL COMPANY, a corporation,) to transfer a certificate of public) convenience and necessity, permits,) and property, to SIGNAL TRUCKING) SERVICE, LTD., a corporation.)

Application No. 34017

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

By Decisions Nos. 42623 and 43049, on Application No. 29474, The Carroll Company, a California corporation (hereinafter for convenience referred to as "transferor" or "Carroll")," was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a highway common carrier for the transportation of petroleum in bulk, subject to certain exceptions, along all the principal east-west and north-south highways in California south of San Francisco and Sacramento (the routes being described in the order), including all intermediate points, with the right to make lateral departures therefrom within a radius of 50 miles of said highways.

"Carroll," by this application, requests authority to sell and transfer its business and assets to Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., a California corporation, for a consideration of \$95,818.58.

Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., (hereinafter for convenience referred to as "transferee" or Signal") is a highway common carrier authorized to "engage in the operation of an automotive truck service as common carrier of property for compensation between the City of Los Angeles proper and steamship wharves and docks located in Los Angeles Harbor, namely, Wilmington and San Pedro." (Decision No. 34854, on Application No. 24622.)

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The property and assets proposed to be transferred, and the value given thereto by the applicants, are as follows: Operating rights (including city, contract, and radial permits)(1) \$ 522.43 Automotive equipment consisting of 1 tractor, 8 tankers, 10 trailers, 6 tank trailers, and 1 tank truck 73,875.01 Miscellaneous recapping equipment and supplies 4,941.20 Other current assets 119,850.74 12

The "transferce" has agreed to assume current liabilities of the "transferor" in the sum of \$24,032.16, resulting in a net value of said business and assets of \$95,818.58.

The purchase price is payable by the cancellation of an indebtedness in the sum of \$58,121.16, owing by the "transferor" to the "transferee," and the balance, \$37,697.42, in cash within ten months of the date of consummation of sale.

For the first 11 months of 1952 The Carroll Company operated its tank line and recapping business at a net profit of \$33,250.63 (Exhibit "F"). Net profit of Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., for the same period was \$34,876.39. As of November 30, 1952, "Signal" had total assets of \$1,276,946.15 and liabilities (including deferred credits and reserves) of \$660,886.74, resulting in a net worth of \$616,059.41, which was represented by Outstanding Capital of \$130,192.00 and Surplus of \$485,867.41 (Exhibit "I").

The purpose of the proposed sale and transfer is to take advantage of the economics which will result from a unified operation.

Having fully considered the matter, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed sale and transfer is not

(1) City Carrier Permit No. 19-39997; Radial Highway Common Carrier Permit No. 19-15078; Contract Carrier Permit No. 19-2399.

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adverse to the public interest, and therefore the application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of value of the property herein authorized to be transferred.

<u>ORDER</u>

Application having been made, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That The Carroll Company, a corporation, may sell and transfer on or before April 30, 1953, to Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., a corporation, the operating rights, permits, and properties hereinabove described, said sale and transfer to be made substantially upon the terms and conditions of the agreement of sale filed as Exhibit "E" with the application, and Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., is authorized to acquire and continue to operate the said trucking services and business as heretofore authorized by the Commission.

(2) That applicants shall file in triplicate, and concurrently make effective, appropriate tariffs within sixty days after the effective date hereof and upon not less than one day's notice to the Commission and the public.

(3) That in the event the authority to sell and purchase is exercised, Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., shall notify the

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Commission in writing of the fact within thirty days after the date of sale.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

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