

Decision No. 49957

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application	)	
of DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM, LTD.,	)	Application No. 30240
for authority to assess less than	)	(Seventh Supplemental)
minimum rates.	)	

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized applicant to assess a rate lower than the established minimum rate for the transportation of soda ash for The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation from Westend in San Bernardino County to WALTERIA in Los Angeles County. The authority is scheduled to expire April 30, 1954. Permission is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rate. Applicant proposes, however, to reduce the authorized rate from 33 cents per 100 pounds to 31 cents and to increase the minimum weight from 43,000 pounds to 48,000 pounds per load.

The supplemental application shows that, except for increased operating costs, the conditions surrounding the transportation in question which justified deviation from the minimum rates generally still obtain and that operations under the authorized rate have been profitable. It also shows that applicant has acquired new light-weight equipment with a carrying capacity of 48,000 pounds. Applicant points out that the proposed 31-cent rate applied to 48,000-pound loads would produce a greater charge than the 33-cent rate applied to 43,000-pound loads. It represents that the higher charges per load would offset the higher operating costs and that operations under the sought basis may therefore reasonably be expected to be profitable during the ensuing year.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that an extension of applicant's authority with

the proposed adjustment is justified and should be granted. Because the conditions under which the service is performed may change, the extension will be limited to a one-year period. To prevent a lapse of applicant's authority, the order herein will be made effective April 30, 1954.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Direct Delivery System, Ltd., be and it is hereby authorized to transport soda ash, in bulk, for The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation from Westend, San Bernardino County, to WALTERIA, Los Angeles County, at a rate less than the established minimum rate but not less than 31 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 48,000 pounds per load.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire April 30, 1955, unless sooner changed, canceled or extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective April 30, 1954.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1954.

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President

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