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Decision No. 50031

## ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Lora Lamb, C. Jerry Lamb, Jr., Colin J. Boone, and Albert F. Cruse, a copartnership, doing business as Lamb Transportation Co., for authority to transport ground talc in bulk from Los Angeles to Kaiser, California, at less than established minimum rates.

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## OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants hold a highway contract carrier permit. They seek authority to deviate from the established minimum rates for the transportation of ground talc in bulk for the American Mineral Company from Los Angeles to Kaiser. They propose to assess a rate of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 40+,000 pounds. The applicable minimum rate is 16 cents, minimum weight 36,000 pounds.

Applicants state that they have performed the transportation in question since the movement first developed in July, 1953. It involves the handling of approximately 3,600 tons per year. A cost study submitted with the application shows that operations under the proposed rate would return costs and make provision for profit. A review of the study by an engineer of the Commission's staff supports this statement.

Interested parties have been notified of the filing of the application. No objection to its being granted has been received.

It appears that in the circumstances the proposed rate is reasonable.

A public hearing is not necessary.

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Because the conditions under which the service is rendered may change, the authority will be limited to a one-year period, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lora Lamb, C. Jerry Lamb, Jr., Colin J. Boone and Albert F. Cruse, a copartnership, doing business as Lamb Transportation Co., be and they are hereby authorized to assess a rate less than the applicable minimum rate sot forth in Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2 but not less than  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 44,000 pounds, for the transportation of ground tale in bulk for the American Mineral Company from Los Angeles to Kaiser.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire one 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 days after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 1954.

Commissioners

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