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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ) W. M. Wright, doing business as ) WRIGHT TRUCKING CO., and BEN THRELL, ) doing business as TYRRELL TRANS- ) PORTATION CO., for authority to ) charge less than minimum rates - ) potatoes and onions. )

Application No. 34515 (First Supplemental)

## FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicants hold highway contract carrier permits. By Decision No. 48858 of July 21, 1953, in this proceeding, they were authorized to deviate from the minimum rates for the transportation of potatoes and onions for certain named shippers. The authority is limited to movements from packing sheds located within 30 miles of Stockton to rail cars and connecting truck lines for loading. It is scheduled to expire August 1, 1954. Permission is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rates for a further one-year period but with certain modifications.<sup>1</sup>

The supplemental application alleges that the conditions surrounding the transportation in question which justified deviation from the minimum rates generally still obtain and that the proposed modifications have been shown to be necessary by applicants' experience in the operation. It also alleges that the authorized rates have been compensatory. However, applicants' allegations are not fully persuasive that the sought modification and extension of the authority should be granted without further investigation. Meanwhile, continuation of the present basis for a sixty-day period will be authorized. To prevent a lapse of applicants' authority, the order will be made effective August 1, 1954.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Applicants propose that the limitation to shipments originating at packing sheds be modified to allow shipments from growers and of seed potatoes and onions, that the area involved be expanded to a radius of 40 miles of Stockton and that the authorized rates be revised slightly.

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Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the expiration date of the authority granted W. M. Wright, doing business as Wright Trucking Co., and Ben Tyrrell, doing business as Tyrrell Transportation Co., by Decision No. 48858 of July 21, 1953, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby extended to September 30, 1954, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

> This order shall become effective August 1, 1954. Dated at Los Angeles, California, this <u>27</u> day of

July, 1954.

Commissioners