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Decision No. 50328

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Direct Delivery System, Ltd., for authority to assess less than minimum rates.

Application No. 33160 (Fourth Supplemental)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized applicant to assess rates lower than the established minimum rates in connection with the transportation of crude diatomaceous earth and waste materials between quarries of The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation which are located approximately nine miles southeast and five and one-half miles southwest of Lompoc to a processing plant of the company in that city. This authority is scheduled to expire July 31, 1954. Permission is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rates. Applicant proposes, however, that the rate of 44 cents per ton it is now authorized to observe for each of the services involved be increased to 47 cents.

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; that the proposed increase in the rate will offset the higher operating costs; and that operations under the sought rate may 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 the sought modification and extension of applicant's authority is justified and should be granted. Because the conditions under which the service is performed may change at any time, 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 July 31, 1954.

A.33160pc Therefore, good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Decision No. 48192 of January 19, 1953, as amended, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby further amended by substituting in Appendix "B" attached thereto "47 cents per ton" for "44 cents per ton"; and that the expiration date of the authority granted by the aforesaid Decision No. 48192, as so amended, be and it is hereby extended to July 31, 1955, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission: This order shall become effective July 31, 1954. Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 27th day of July, 1954. Commissioners -2-