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Decision No. 50355

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of J. A. CLARK DRAYING COMPANY, LTD., a corporation, for authority to depart from the rates, rules and regulations of Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2 under the provisions of the Highway Carriers' Act.

Application No. 30451 (Fifth Supplemental)

## FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant transports aluminum, iron and steel articles for United States Steel Supply Company between the shipper's warehouse in the City of Vernon and points in southern California. Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized it to deviate from the minimum rates otherwise applicable to this transportation. In place of rates based on the weight of the freight shipped, applicant is authorized to observe monthly rates for the equipment used in furnishing the service. This authority is scheduled to expire September 12, 1954. The rates presently authorized are the same as the monthly Los Angeles Drayage Area rates. Permission is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rates for a further one-year period. Applicant proposes, however, that the authorized rates be raised in conformity with an increase in the drayage rates established effective August 1, 1954.

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 the proposed increase in the rates will offset the higher operating costs. It also shows that operations under the sought rates may reasonably be expected to be profitable during the ensuing year.

Decision No. 50240 of July 6, 1954, in Case No. 5435 (Pet. No. 4) and Item No. 430-H of City Carriers' Tariff No. 4 - Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 5.

A. 30451-VB 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. Therefore, good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Decision No. 43241 of August 23, 1949, as amended, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby further amended by substituting the rates named in Item No. 430-H of City Carriers' Tariff No. 4 - Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 5 for those shown on page 2 of Appendix "A" attached to said Decision No. 43241; and that the expiration date of the authority granted by said Decision No. 43241, as further amended herein, be and it is hereby extended to September 12, 1955, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission. This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof. Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3nd/day of August, 1954. Commissioners -2-