

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 50384

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation into )  
 the rates, rules, regulations, charges, )  
 allowances and practices of all common )  
 carriers, highway carriers and city )  
 carriers relating to the transportation )  
 of fresh or green fruits and vegetables )  
 and related items (commodities for which )  
 rates are provided in Highway Carriers' )  
 Tariff No. 8).

Case No. 5438  
(Petition No. 5)SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Minimum rates, rules and regulations for the transportation of fresh fruits and vegetables are set forth in Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 8. Except for a few point-to-point rates, the minimum rates are distance rates and are the same for all of the various products.

By this petition, W. M. Wright, doing business as Wright Trucking Co., and Ben Tyrrell, doing business as Tyrrell Transportation Co., seek the establishment of lower rates applicable only to potatoes and onions shipped from a producing area in the San Joaquin Valley to San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, San Jose and Vallejo. The lower rates would be subject to a minimum weight of 40,000 pounds. The present minimum weight is 24,000 pounds.

Petitioners state that potatoes and onions move in substantial quantities over a short period of time, enabling carriers to achieve a high use factor. The petition shows that the perishability, claim factor and value of potatoes and onions are low in comparison with other fruits and vegetables. It further shows that the relatively high density, loading experience and type of truck equipment

used in the hauling involved result in lower costs for transportation of potatoes and onions.

Studies of the transportation were made by the Commission staff. The costs developed by the staff study reflect current expense levels and other current conditions. These costs show that the proposed rates would return the cost of operations and provide adequate earnings.

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

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. The transportation service here involved differs materially from other produce hauling. The proposed revision of the minimum rates is justified in the circumstances. As the shipping season is already in progress, the reduced rates will be made effective August 16, 1954, the earliest date which will allow for notification of interested parties. Common carriers will be authorized to amend their tariffs on one day's notice.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 8 (Appendix "C" to Decision No. 33977 as amended), be and it is hereby further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective August 16, 1954, the revised pages attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, which pages are numbered as follows:

Ninth Revised Page 2 cancels Eighth Revised Page 2  
Sixth Revised Page 36 cancels Fifth Revised Page 36  
First Revised Page 44-A cancels Original Page 44-A

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that tariff publications to be made by common carriers pursuant to this order may be made effective not earlier than August 16, 1954, and on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public.

In all other respects said Decision No. 33977, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be August 16, 1954.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of August, 1954.

Edwin E. Mitchell  
President

James D. Calverley

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Commissioners

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Item No.	SECTION NO. 2 - POINT TO POINT COMMODITY RATES (In Cents per 100 Pounds)		
#0345	POTATOES (OTHER THAN SWEET POTATOES OR YAMS) AND ONIONS Minimum Weight 40,000 Pounds (See Note 2)		
		Potatoes or Onions in 100-pound Sacks or Crates and 110- pound Crates	Potatoes or Onions in 50-pound Sacks or Less
	TO	FROM Delta Producing Area (See Note 1)	FROM Delta Producing Area (See Note 1)
	San Francisco and Oakland Sacramento San Jose Vallejo	25 16 21 23	27 18 23 25
	<p>NOTE 1: Delta Producing Area includes Stockton and the following islands or tracts: King, Empire, Venice, Rindge, Terminous, Brack, McDonald, Mandeville, Bacon and Roberts.</p> <p>NOTE 2: Subject to Item No. 500 series.</p>		
<p># Addition ) &amp; Reduction ) Decision No. 5038<del>1</del></p>			
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<p style="text-align: center;">Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, San Francisco, California.</p> <p>Correction No. 152</p>			

Item No.	SECTION NO. 4 - ROUTING (Concluded)
	<p>(2)Route No. 12: From Production Area "A" (Perris Area) via Highway U.S. 60 to Los Angeles Territory.</p> <p>(2)Route No. 13: From Production Area "B" (San Jacinto Area) via State Route 74 to its intersection with Highway U.S. 395 near Romoland; thence via Highway U.S. 395 to its intersection with Highway U.S. 60 near Box Springs; thence via Highway U.S. 60 to Los Angeles Territory; or via State Route 79 to its intersection with Highway U.S. 60; thence via Highway U.S. 60 to Los Angeles Territory.</p>
<p>*500-1-A Cancels 500-1</p>	<p>(2)Route No. 14: From Production Areas "A" and "B" south from State Route 74 along unnumbered highway through Winchester to Highway U.S. 395, thence via:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Highway U.S. 395 to San Diego Territory.</li> <li>2. Highway U.S. 395 to unnumbered highway located on the north side of San Luis Rey River approximately 12 miles south of Temecula; thence via said unnumbered highway to its intersection with Highway U.S. 101 near Oceanside; thence via Highway U.S. 101 to San Diego Territory.</li> </ol> <p>#(3)Route No. 15: From Delta Producing Area via State Route 12 to its junction with Highways U.S. 50-99, thence via said highways to Stockton or via State Route 4 to Stockton, thence via Highway U.S. 50 to San Francisco-Oakland.</p> <p>#(3)Route No. 16: From Delta Producing Area via State Route 4 to Stockton or State Route 12 to its junction with Highways U.S. 50-99, thence via said highways to Sacramento.</p> <p>#(3)Route No. 17: From Delta Producing Area via State Route 12 to its junction with Highways U.S. 50-99, thence via said highways to Stockton or via State Route 4 to Stockton, thence Highway U.S. 50 to its junction with State Route 21, east of Livermore, thence via said highway to its junction with State Highway 9, north of Mission San Jose, thence via said highway to its junction with State Route 17, adjacent to Warm Springs, thence via said highway to San Jose.</p> <p>#(3)Route No. 18: From Delta Producing Area via State Route 4 to Stockton, thence Highways U.S. 50-99 to their junctions with State Route 12, thence via said highway to its junction with Highway U.S. 40, adjacent to Suisun-Fairfield, thence via said highway to Vallejo.</p>

- (2) Applies only in connection with rates named in  
Item No. 340 series.
- #(3) Applies only in connection with rates named in  
Item No. 345 series.
- \* Change )  
# Addition) Decision No. 50384

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