

Decision No. 51377**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application	}	Application No. 30240
of DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM, LTD.,		
for authority to assess less than		
the minimum rates.		
		(Ninth Supplemental)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized applicant, a highway contract carrier, to assess rates lower than the established minimum rates for the transportation of soda ash for The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation from Westend (San Bernardino County) and Bartlett (Inyo County) to WALTERIA (Los Angeles County) at rates of 31 and 35 cents per 100 pounds, respectively, minimum weight 48,000 pounds per load. The authority is scheduled to expire April 30, 1955. Permission is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rates for a further 15-month period. Applicant proposes, however, that the rates of 31 and 35 cents it is now authorized to observe be increased to 31.3 and 35.5 cents. Applicant states that the transportation in question involves the handling of approximately 2280 tons of soda ash annually and that the rates as proposed to be adjusted herein may reasonably be expected to result in profitable operations during the ensuing year.

The question of applicant's relationship to Southern California Freight Lines and Southern California Freight Forwarders, both common carriers, is under consideration in Application No. 35927. The transportation here appears to involve operations over a portion of routes served by the above-mentioned common carriers. In addition, the cost study attached to the application is not in sufficient detail to permit determination of the reasonableness of

the sought rates under existing conditions. In view of all of these circumstances, it does not appear that the modifications and extension of authority should be granted for the full period sought without further investigation. Meanwhile, the authority on the proposed modified basis will be extended for a ninety-day period. To prevent a lapse of applicant's authority, the order will be made effective April 30, 1955.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

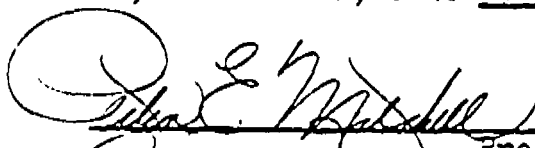
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

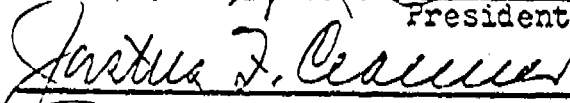
1. That Direct Delivery System, Ltd., be and it is hereby authorized to transport soda ash, in bulk, for The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation from Westend, San Bernardino County, and from Bartlett, Inyo County, to WALTERIA, Los Angeles County, at rates less than the established minimum rates but not less than 31.3 and 35.5 cents per 100 pounds, respectively, minimum weight 48,000 pounds per load.

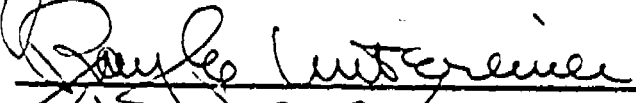
2. That the authority herein granted shall expire July 29, 1955, unless sooner changed, canceled or extended by order of the Commission.


This order shall become effective April 30, 1955.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of April, 1955.



President






Commissioners