

Decision No. 51492

**ORIGINAL**

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 property in the City and County of )  
San Francisco and the Counties of )  
Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, )  
Napa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, )  
San Benito, San Mateo, Solano and Sonoma. )

Case No. 5441  
(Petition No. 13)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Minimum rates, rules and regulations for the transportation of property within San Francisco are set forth in City Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A. Item No. 410-H of the tariff provides commodity rates for the transportation of green coffee and eight specified spices in sacks in so-called "inhaul" movement.<sup>1</sup> The rates are subject to minimum quantities of 5,000 tons per calendar year and 10,000 pounds per shipment.

By this petition, as amended, the Draymen's Association of San Francisco seeks reduction of the yearly tonnage requirement to 1,500 tons and extension of the spice rate to cover all kinds of spices. No change is proposed in the minimum weight per shipment nor in the applicable rates. Petitioner states that a survey of its members has revealed that the item in question is not being used because the present minimum tonnage requirement cannot be met. Assertedly the sought revisions will make the item more responsive to the needs of commerce.

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<sup>1</sup> "Inhaul" is defined in part as "transportation of property received from another carrier at a depot, dock, wharf, pier, landing or other point at which facilities are maintained for the loading of property into or upon, or the unloading of property from rail cars or vessels, or received from another carrier at truck loading facilities of plants or industries located at such rail or vessel loading or unloading point, when originating beyond the limits of the City and County of San Francisco; \*\*\*."

For some years prior to October 15, 1954, the same commodity rate for both green coffee and the specified spices was maintained in the item in question because they were found to possess substantially similar transportation characteristics.<sup>2</sup> On August 15, 1954, the rate for green coffee was reduced from 11 cents to 10 cents per 100 pounds. Petitioner points out that this reduction was made following a cost study of the transportation of green coffee by the Commission's staff. The study showed the coffee rate to be reasonable for individual shipments of 10,000 pounds each. The spice rate was not in issue at that time. Petitioner asserts that in inhaul movements, spices are shipped in bags weighing from 110 to 160 pounds; that the transportation characteristics of all kinds of spices are similar to those for coffee; and that present production methods require the lower annual tonnage provision. Petitioner also asserts that shipper facilities for handling inhaul spices are extremely favorable.

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

In the circumstances, it appears that the proposed adjustments will result in reasonable minimum rates. A public hearing is not deemed necessary. The petition will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That City Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A (Appendix "A" of Decision No. 41363 as amended) be and it is hereby further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective June 15, 1955, Eleventh Revised Page 39 Cancels Tenth Revised Page 39, attached

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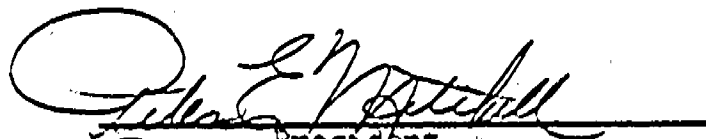
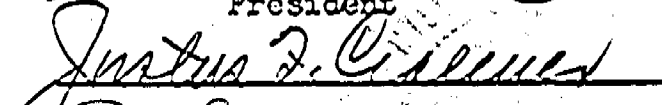

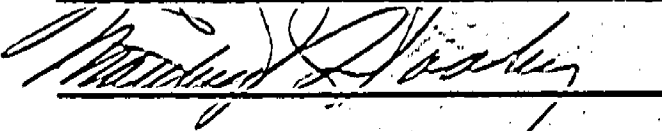
See Decision No. 46060, dated August 27, 1951, in Case No. 4084.

hereto and by this reference made a part hereof;

(2) That in all other respects said Decision No. 41363, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1955.

  
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Commissioners

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CITY CARRIERS' TARIFF NO. 1-A

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SECTION NO. 4 - COMMODITY RATES (Continued)  
In cents per 100 lbs. except as noted

Item No.	COMMODITY	RATES	Minimum Weight
400-F Cancels 400-E	COFFEE, GREEN <span style="float: right;">Inhaul only</span> (1) Monthly tonnage is to be averaged over twelve (12) calendar months commencing with month in which property is first transported.	3-3/4	(1) 1000 tons per Calendar Month
*410-I Cancels 410-H	COFFEE, GREEN, in sacks . . . . . Inhaul only SPICES, viz.: & All kinds, in bags, sacks, } -Inhaul only boxes or barrels }	10  11	6 1500 tons per Calendar Year, and 10,000 pounds per shipment

\* Change & Reduction } Decision No. 51492

EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 1955

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San Francisco, California.

Correction No. 225