

Decision No. 51545

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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 general commodities (commodities for)
which rates are provided in Minimum)
Rate Tariff No. 2).

Case No. 5432
Petition No. 58

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 names commodity distance rates applicable on dried fruits transported between San Joaquin Valley points, on the one hand, and the San Francisco Territory, Sacramento and Stockton, on the other hand. These commodity rates are lower than the applicable class rates for corresponding distances. By petition filed May 17, 1955, California Prune and Apricot Growers Association requests that these commodity rates be made applicable from and to points in the Sacramento Valley as well as the San Joaquin Valley.¹

Petitioner points out that there is a considerable movement of dried fruit from points located in the Sacramento Valley and that commodity rates have not been established for this transportation. Petitioner states that the class rates, which apply in the absence of commodity rates, are too high in view of the substantial tonnages involved. It also says that the class rates greatly exceed the rates applied in the past on this traffic.² Petitioner alleges that shipments of dried fruit from San Joaquin Valley points enjoy the lower

¹ The San Joaquin Valley Territory is described in detail in Item No. 270 series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.

² Petitioner states that most of the dried fruit moves to one of the ports for later interstate or foreign movement. Prior to Decision No. 50156 of June 19, 1954, this transportation assertedly was assumed to be free of rate regulation. Accordingly, the absence of commodity rates presented no problem.

commodity rates while similar shipments for the same distances from Sacramento Valley points are required to pay the higher class rates even though the circumstances surrounding the transportation from both territories are similar.

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

It appears that the commodity distance rates on dried fruit applicable from and to points in the San Joaquin Valley Territory should also be made applicable from and to points in the Sacramento Valley Territory. The tariff will be amended accordingly. A public hearing is not deemed necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 (Appendix "D" of Decision No. 31606 as amended) be and it is hereby further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective July 1, 1955, Second Revised Page 33 Cancels First Revised Page 33 and Sixth Revised Page 50 Cancels Fifth Revised Page 50, which revised pages are attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. That tariff publications authorized to be made by common carriers as a result of the order herein may be made effective on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public if filed not later than sixty days after the effective date of the tariff changes herein involved.

3. That in all other respects said Decision No. 31606, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of June, 1955

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President
[Handwritten Signature]

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Commissioners

Item No.	SECTION NO. 1-RULES AND REGULATIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION (Continued)
	<p style="text-align: center;">TERRITORIAL DESCRIPTIONS (Continued)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Items Nos. 270 and 271)</p> <p>2. SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY TERRITORY includes that area embraced by the following boundary: Beginning at the intersection of U. S. Highway No. 99 and the northern boundary of San Joaquin County; thence easterly and southerly along said boundary to its intersection with the Stanislaus County boundary; southerly along the easterly boundary of Stanislaus County to its intersection with the Merced County boundary; southerly along the eastern boundary of Merced County to its intersection with the Madera County boundary; southerly along an imaginary line extending through the unincorporated communities of Friant and Orange Cove to its intersection with State Highway No. 198 at the unincorporated community of Lemon Cove; southerly along said imaginary line to its intersection with State Highway No. 190 at the unincorporated community of Success; southerly along said imaginary line to its intersection with State Highway No. 178, 15 miles east of Bakersfield; southwesterly along said imaginary line to its intersection with U. S. Highway No. 466 and County Road 1.7 miles east of Edison; southerly along said County Road to its intersection with County Road north of Arvin; westerly along said County Road through Weedpatch to its junction with U. S. Highway No. 99; southerly along U. S. Highway No. 99 to its junction with State Highway No. 166; westerly along State Highway No. 166 to its junction with U. S. Highway No. 399 at Maricopa; northwesterly along U. S. Highway No. 399 to Taft; northwesterly along State Highway No. 33 to its intersection with U. S. Highway No. 50, 3.5 miles east of Tracy; westerly along U. S. Highway No. 50 to its intersection with the western boundary of San Joaquin County; northerly and easterly along said boundary to point of beginning.</p> <p>(1) 2$\frac{1}{2}$. SACRAMENTO VALLEY TERRITORY includes that area consisting of the Counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, Yuba and that portion of the County of Placer lying west of State Highway No. 49.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Continued)</p>
*270-2 (2)	
	<p>(2) Cancels that portion of Item No. 270-A appearing on First Revised Page 33.</p> <p>* Change) Decision No. 51545</p> <p>(1) New Territory)</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1955</p> <p>Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, San Francisco, California</p> <p>Correction No. 658</p>

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MINIMUM RATE TARIFF NO. 2

Item No.	SECTION NO. 3		COMMODITY RATES (Continued) In Cents per 100 pounds					
	COMMODITY	BETWEEN	AND	RATES				
	Dried Fruits, including Raisins, Prunes(dried) and Figs(dried) (See Item No. 40)	SAN FRANCISCO TERRITORY as described in Item No. 270-3) SACRAMENTO (See Item No. 260) STOCKTON (See Item No. 260)	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY TERRITORY and SACRAMENTO VALLEY TERRITORY as described in Item No. 270-2	Apply Distance rates shown below subject to Item No.100				
	MILES	RATES		MILES	RATES			
	But not Over	Minimum Weight 20,000 Pounds		But not Over	Minimum Weight 20,000 Pounds			
	Over	30,000 Pounds		Over	30,000 Pounds			
	0	5	8	7½	110	120	27½	24
	5	10	9	7½	120	130	28½	24
	10	15	10½	8½	130	140	29½	25
	15	20	11½	9	140	150	33½	27½
	20	25	11½	10½	150	160	34-3/4	28½
	25	30	12½	10½	160	170	37	29½
	30	35	13½	11½	170	180	39	33½
	35	40	13½	11½	180	190	40	34½
	40	45	15	12½	190	200	42	37-3/4
	45	50	15-3/4	12½	200	220	47	39
	50	60	15-3/4	14½	220	240	50	42
	60	70	18	14½	240	260	53	47
	70	80	21	17	260	280	54	49
	80	90	22	18	280	300	57	52
	90	100	24	21	300	325	60	55
	100	110	25	22	325	350	63	56
					350	375	65	62

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