

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 51709

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM, LTD.,) Application No. 25585
for authority to assess less than) (11th Supplemental)
minimum rates.)

In the Matter of the Application)
of DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM, LTD.,) Application No. 30240
for authority to assess less than) (9th and 10th Supplemental)
minimum rates.)

In the Matter of the Application)
of DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM, LTD.,) Application No. 30460
for authority to assess less than) (8th and 9th Supplemental)
minimum rates.)

In the Matter of the Application)
of DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM, LTD.,) Application No. 33160
for authority to assess less than) (5th Supplemental)
minimum rates.)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Prior orders in these proceedings have authorized applicant, a highway contract carrier, to assess rates lower than the established minimum rates in connection with the transportation of diatomaceous earth and soda ash for The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation. The authorities under Applications Nos. 30240 and 30460 were recently extended for a short period pending further investigation. In addition, the question of applicant's relationships to Southern California Freight Lines and Southern California Freight Forwarders, both common carriers, were under consideration in Application No. 35927. These two authorities are now scheduled to expire July 29, 1955. The other two authorities will expire July 31, 1955. Applicant seeks further extension of all four authorities at increased rates.

Decision No. 51619, of June 28, 1955, in Application No. 35927, found that Southern California Freight Lines and Southern California Freight Forwarders were the "alter ego" of Direct Delivery System. On July 11, 1955, Southern California Freight Lines and Southern California Freight Forwarders filed applications seeking amendment of their operating rights as common carriers to avoid conflict with Direct Delivery System's contract carrier operations (Applications Nos. 37127 and 37128). Immediate public hearing of all these matters will be scheduled. In the meantime, notwithstanding the findings and order in Decision No. 51619, supra, and the effect thereof, and without withdrawing from the position stated therein, the present authorities to charge less than the minimum rates will be extended to August 31, 1955, in order not to penalize the shipper pending hearing and disposition of the several applications. The order herein will be made effective July 29, 1955.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the expiration dates of authorities granted by the following decisions be and they are extended to August 31, 1955, unless sooner changed, canceled or further extended by order of the Commission:

| <u>Decision No.</u> | <u>In Application No.</u> |
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| 48192, as amended | 25585 |
| 51377 | 30240 |
| 51378 | 30460 |
| 48192, as amended | 33160 |

This order shall become effective July 29, 1955.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 18th day of July, 1955.

 President

 Commissioners