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Decision No. 51761

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of HASLETT WAREHOUSE COMPANY, a) corporation, for authority to) charge less than certain minimum) rates prescribed in City Carriers') Tariff No. 2-A, Minimum Rate) Tariff No. 1-A.)

Application No. 34712 (Second Supplemental)

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Haslett Warehouse Company transports tobacco and cigarettes for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. between points within the City of Oakland. Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized it, under Section 4015 of the Public Utilities Code, to observe rates less than the minimum rates otherwise applicable to this transportation. The authority is scheduled to expire August 7, 1955. Permission is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rates for a further one-year period. Applicant also requests that the order herein provide that the authorized rates be increased by the same percentage and at the same time as any increase that may be made in the minimum rates.

The supplemental application shows that the conditions which justified deviation from the minimum rates still obtain and that operations <u>during the past year</u> under the authorized rates have been compensatory. <u>However</u>, increased labor costs <u>will result</u> from <u>the recently completed</u> wage negotiations. Applicant states that the shipper has agreed to increases in the authorized rates to correspond with any increases that may be made in the minimum rates as a result of the petition that has been filed seeking increases in the minimum rates in the East Bay area.

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

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In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable and consistent with the public interest while a determination is made as to the necessity for their adjustment. The request for a provision for a future undetermined increase is indefinite and has not been justified. The application will be granted for a ninety-day period. To prevent a lapse of applicant's authority, the order will be made effective August 7, 1955.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the expiration date of the authority granted Haslett Warehouse Company by Decision No. 49582 of January 18, 1954, as amended, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby extended to November 5, 1955, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission..

This order shall become effective August 7, 1955.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2 md day of August, 1955.

Commissioners