

Decision No. 53523

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Lamb Transportation Company, a corporation, for authority to transport petroleum coke in bulk from Torrance to Wilmington, California, at less than the established minimum rates.)	Application No. 33222 (Fourth Supplemental)
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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Lamb Transportation Company, a corporation, holds a highway contract carrier permit. By prior orders in this proceeding, it was authorized to observe rates less than the minimum rates otherwise applicable to the transportation of petroleum coke from Torrance to Wilmington for the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation. The authorized rates are 43.76 cents per ton for the first 300,000 tons in any 12-month period and 40.51 cents for each ton in excess of 300,000 tons. This authority expires July 31, 1956. By this supplemental application, filed July 17, 1956, an extension of the authority for a further one-year period is sought. Applicant proposes, however, to increase the rates to 45.55 and 41.11 cents respectively.

The supplemental application states that, except for increased operating costs, the conditions which justified deviation from the minimum rates still obtain. It also shows that the proposed increase in the authorized rates will offset the higher operating costs and that the operations under the sought rates may reasonably be expected to be profitable during the ensuing year.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable. This is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. The

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supplemental application will be granted. Inasmuch as the authority expired July 31, 1956, the order will be made effective on the date hereof.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That Decision No. 47416 of June 30, 1952, as amended in this proceeding, be and it is hereby further amended by substituting "45.55 cents" for "43.76 cents" and "41.11 cents" for "40.51 cents" in the order thereof; and that the expiration date of the authority granted by said Decision No. 47416, as further amended herein, be and it is hereby extended to July 31, 1957, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

(2) That any transportation performed by applicant as a common carrier of the same commodities between the same points shall be cause for revocation of the authority herein granted.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of

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August, 1956.

John E. Mitchell

President

Paulo V. Ferreira

Michael J. Doyle

B. V. Haggard

Commissioners