Decision No. ____53693

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM, LTD.,) for authority to assess less than) minimum rates.

Application No. 30460 (Tenth Supplemental)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized applicant, a highway contract carrier, to assess rates lower than the established minimum rates under the provisions of Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code, in connection with the transportation of crude diatomaceous earth from The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation's quarry located near Lompoc in Santa Barbara County to that company's plant at Walteria in Los Angeles County. The authority is scheduled to expire August 31, 1956. By the instant supplemental application, applicant seeks authority to continue to deviate from the minimum rates, but proposes to assess rates somewhat higher than those previously approved.

The supplemental application states that, except for increased operating costs, the conditions surrounding the transportation in question which justified deviation from the minimum rates generally still obtain; that the proposed increase in the rates will offset the higher operating costs; and that 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 supplemental application

will be granted. However, as the conditions surrounding the transportation may change, the extension will be limited to one year unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission. In view of the expiration date of the present authority, the following order will be made effective August 31, 1956.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That Direct Delivery System, Ltd., be and it is hereby authorized to transport diatomaceous earth for The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation from that company's quarry located approximately nine miles southeast of the City of Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, to its manufacturing plant at Walteria, Los Angeles County, at rates less than the established minimum rates for such transportation, but not less than the following:

Minimum Weight	Rates Per Ton
43,000 pounds 44,000 " 45,000 " 46,000 " 47,000 " 48,000 " 48,500 " 49,000 "	\$5.52 5.39 5.26 5.05 4.89 4.89 4.79

- (2) That the authority herein granted shall expire
 August 31, 1957, unless sooner changed or extended by order of the
 Commission; and
- (3) That any transportation performed by applicant or by any of the "alter ego" affiliates so designated in Decision No. 51619, dated June 28, 1955, in Application No. 35927, as a common carrier of the same commodity between the same points as

that for which rate authority is herein granted shall be cause for revocation of the authority herein granted.

This order shall become effective August 31, 1956.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this day of August, 1956.

Instruction of the Commissioners

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ASST. SECRETARY, PUBLIC OTILITIES COMMISSION STATE OF CALIFORNIA