

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 53744

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
FARNSWORTH AND RUGGLES, a corporation, for	)	
authority to depart from the rates, rules	)	
and regulations of Minimum Rate Tariff	)	Application No. 36743
No. 2 under the provisions of the Highway	)	(First Supplemental)
Carriers' Act.	)	

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Farnsworth and Ruggles, a corporation, holds a highway contract carrier permit. By Decision No. 51873 of August 23, 1955, in this proceeding, it was authorized to observe rates less than the minimum rates for transportation of iron or steel, structural iron or steel, and iron or steel articles for Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corporation from South San Francisco to San Francisco. The authority is scheduled to expire September 12, 1956. Permission is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rates for a further one-year period. Applicant proposes, however, to increase the rates as set forth in the supplemental application.

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

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

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. In view of the expiration date of the present authority, the order will be made effective September 12, 1956.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That Decision No. 51873 of August 23, 1955, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby amended by substituting the following rates for those shown in the first ordering paragraph thereof:

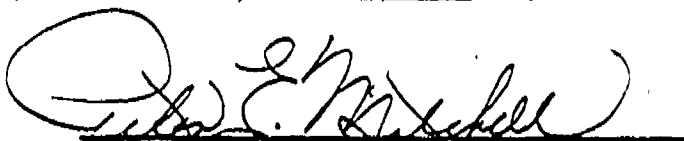
<u>Minimum Weight</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>(In Cents Per 100 Pounds)</u>
Any Quantity	106
2,000 Pounds	66½
4,000 Pounds	49
10,000 Pounds	30½
20,000 Pounds	17½
36,000 Pounds	12½

(2) That the expiration date of the authority granted by said Decision No. 51873, as amended herein, be and it is hereby extended to September 12, 1957, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

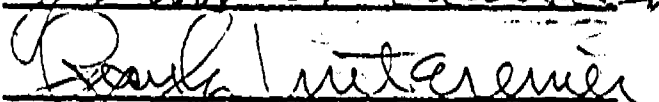
(3) That any transportation performed by applicant as a common carrier of the same commodities between the same points shall be cause for revocation of the authority herein granted.

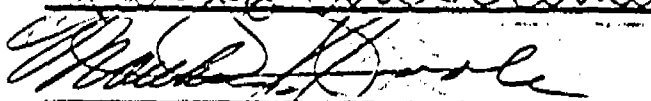
This order shall become effective September 12, 1956.

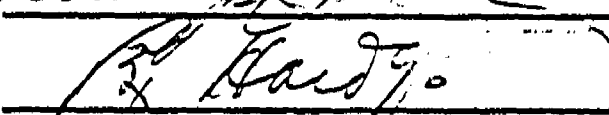
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of September, 1956.

  
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President

  
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