

Decision No. 53805

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
J. Christenson Co., a corporation,)
to increase rates and charges.)

Application No. 37158
(Third Supplemental)

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

J. Christenson Co. is a highway common carrier specializing in the transportation of commodities which require refrigeration or temperature control in transit. By Decision No. 53111 of May 22, 1956, in this proceeding, it was authorized to publish surcharge increases on the rates for such commodities so as to maintain a five percent differential over the minimum rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, except on those for which special refrigeration charges are provided in the minimum rates.¹ These surcharges are scheduled to expire October 1, 1956. By this supplemental application filed September 20, 1956, it seeks extension of the expiration date of these surcharges until May 1, 1957.

Applicant states that the same circumstances and conditions still exist in connection with its traffic involved herein as apply in connection with transportation performed under the minimum rates.

Authority is also requested for departure from the long-and-short-haul provisions of the Constitution and the Public Utilities Code to continue such deviations as have been previously authorized, and from the provisions of General Order No. 80 to permit the publication of a supplement to its loose-leaf tariff. Authority is also sought to publish the increase supplement on less than statutory notice. Applicant also seeks an extension of time until seven days after the effective date of this order within which to comply with the requirement in Decision No. 53782 that common carrier rates be increased to the minimum level.

¹The surcharge increases were comparable to those established in the minimum rates in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 by Decision No. 52971 of April 24, 1956, in Case No. 5432.

Decision No. 53782 of September 18, 1956, in Case No. 5432, extended the expiration date of the surcharge increases on the rates in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 to May 1, 1957. In the circumstances it appears that a corresponding extension of applicant's surcharges is justified. Inasmuch as Decision No. 53782 became effective September 18, 1956, the order herein will be made effective on the date hereof. In view of this effective date the request for a seven day extension of time to comply with the provisions of Decision No. 53782 will be denied.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

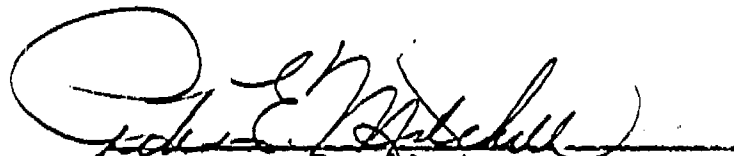
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:


(1) That J. Christenson Co., a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to extend the expiration date, on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and the public, of the increased rates and charges established pursuant to Decision No. 53111 in this proceeding; and that such other authorizations, limitations and conditions applicable to the increased rates and charges named in Decision No. 53111 shall be equally applicable to the extension of the expiration date of such increases as authorized herein.


(2) That, except as provided in the above ordering paragraph, Third Supplemental Application No. 37158 be and it is hereby denied.


The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

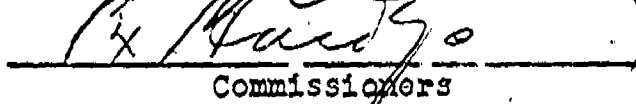
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of September, 1956.



President








Commissioners