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Decision No. <u>53957</u>

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 No. 2 (formerly Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2), under the provisions of the Highway Carriers' Act. Application No. 33329)

(Fourth Supplemental)

FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds city and highway contract carrier permits. It transports iron and steel materials and related articles for Gilmore Steel and Supply Co., Inc., and for two of its affiliates. This service is provided within San Francisco and between San Francisco and points within a 150-mile radius of that city. Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized applicant to deviate from the minimum rates, under Sections 3666 and 4015 of the Public Utilities Code, by applying monthly vehicle unit rates, ordinarily restricted to drayage operations, to both the intracity and intercity service. The authority is scheduled to expire October 27, 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 shows 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 those rates may reasonably be expected to be profitable during the ensuing year.

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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 and consistent with the public interest. 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 October 27, 1956.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That Appendix "A" to Decision No. 47802 of October 7, 1952, as amended, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby further amended by substituting the following rates for those shown in that appendix, as amended:

Capacity of Carrier's Equipment	<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>
Over 4,500 but not over 10,500	815	17
Over 10,500	915	21
Tractors and Semi-Trailer	1020	25

(2) That the expiration date of the authority granted by said Decision No. 47802, as further amended herein, be and it is hereby extended to October 27, 1957, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

(3) That any transportation performed by applicant

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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 October 27, 1956. Dated at Los Angeles, California, this <u>23</u>²¹ day of October, 1956.

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