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Decision No. <u>54071</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of John T. Lane for an order) granting permission to charge) less than the minimum rates on) shipments transported for the) Coca-Cola Company.)

Application No. 28709 (Tenth Supplemental)

ELEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND CRDER

Applicant holds a highway contract carrier permit. Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized him, under Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code, to charge rates less than the established minimum rates for the transportation of syrup and empty containers for The Coca-Cola Company between specified points in northern and central California. In addition, applicant is authorized to transport pallets without charge. The authority is scheduled to expire December 2, 1956. Permission is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rates for a further one-year period.

The supplemental application states that, except for increases in drivers' wages and excise taxes, the conditions which justified deviations from the minimum rates still obtain. It also shows that improvements in operating conditions established by the shipper and increased volume of traffic have offset the increased costs. A statement attached to the application shows that operations under the authorized rates have been profitable and may reasonably be expected to be profitable for the ensuing year.

In the circumstances it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable. This is a matter in which

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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 December 2, 1956.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That the expiration date of the authority granted to John T. Lane by Decision No. 40914 of November 12, 1947; as amended, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby extended to December 2, 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 December 2, 1956.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>J</u> day of November, 1956.

Commissioners