

Decision No. 54252**ORIGINAL**

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 VETERAN TRUCK LINES, INC., for per- )  
 mission to perform transportation )  
 and accessorial services at a rate ) Application No. 38119  
 lesser than the minimum established )  
 rate contained in City Carrier Tariff )  
 No. 4, Highway No. 5, Item No. 430-H. )

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J. Donald Masters, Barnett L. Schwartz, and  
Walter W. Jordan, for applicant.

James Quintrall and J. C. Kaspar, for California  
Trucking Associations, Inc., interested party.

William C. Ericca, for the staff of the Public Utilities  
Commission of the State of California.

O P I N I O N

By this application Veteran Truck Lines, Inc., a highway carrier operating under authority of permits issued by the Commission, seeks authority to deviate from the minimum rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5 (formerly City Carriers' Tariff No. 4, Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 5). The authority is sought in connection with certain transportation which applicant performs for the Broadway Department Stores, Inc.

Public hearing on the application was held before Examiner C. S. Abernathy at Los Angeles on October 16, 1956. Subsequently, on November 23, 1956, an amendment to the application was filed, modifying the original proposals. The matter is ready for decision.

The service which is involved consists of the transportation of property within the City of Los Angeles between the central warehouse of Broadway Department Stores, Inc., and the company's retail store at Broadway and Fourth Street, Los Angeles. Because of

limited loading and unloading facilities at the retail store, three specially constructed trucks are utilized. They are operated by one driver in a shuttle service in which one of the trucks, loaded or empty, is driven between warehouse and store while the other trucks are being loaded or unloaded. The loading and unloading is performed by employees of the Broadway Department Stores, Inc.

For the driver and one truck applicant proposes to assess rates as set forth in Columns 4, 5 and 6 of Item No. 430 series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5 for loads not in excess of 8,000 pounds.<sup>1</sup> For each of the remaining trucks applicant proposes to assess a rate of \$256.37 per calendar month.

On the basis of cost data which were submitted with the amended application, it appears that the proposed rate for the trucks without driver will return the applicable costs and an adequate profit. These data have been reviewed by the Commission's staff and have been determined as being reasonably representative of the costs involved.

The application, as amended, was not opposed.

Upon consideration of the showing in this matter, the Commission is of the opinion and finds as a fact that the proposed rates are reasonable and that the granting of the application, as amended, is consistent with the public interest. Because the conditions which justify the granting of the sought authority may change, the authority will be made to expire at the end of one year, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

### ORDER

Based on the evidence of record and on the conclusions and findings set forth in the preceding opinion,

<sup>1</sup> It appears that the merchandise which is transported is light and bulky and that as a consequence the loads do not exceed 8,000 pounds in weight.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Veteran Truck Lines, Inc., be and it is hereby authorized, in connection with transportation of property performed for the Broadway Department Stores, Inc., between that company's central warehouse located at 3880 North Mission Road, Los Angeles, and the company's retail department store at Broadway at Fourth Street, Los Angeles, to assess a rate less than the applicable minimum rates set forth in Column 4 of Item No. 430 series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5, but not less than \$256.37 per calendar month per truck for the services of two trucks without drivers when said trucks are used in connection with one truck and driver utilized in the same transportation service for which rates are assessed which are not less than those provided in Columns Nos. 4, 5 and 6 of Item No. 430 series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5 (and in effect at time of shipment) for weights of more than 5,000 pounds but not more than 8,000 pounds and subject in all other respects to the provisions of that item.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire one year after the effective date of this order, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 1957.

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*Ray ...* President  
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