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Decision No. <u>54676</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of WALKUP DRAYAGE & WAREHOUSE COMPANY for an order granting permission to charge less than minimum rates for the transportation of green coffee for Hills Bros. in the City and County of San Francisco.

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Application No. 34980 (Third Supplemental)

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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds a city carrier permit. Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized it, under Section 4015 of the Public Utilities Code, to deviate from the minimum rates for the transportation of green coffee for Hills Brothers Coffee, Inc., from piers on the San Francisco waterfront to the coffee company's plant in San Francisco. The authority is scheduled to expire March 22, 1957. Permission is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rate for a further one-year period. However, applicant proposes that the authorized rate be increased from $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents to 8 cents per 100 pounds.

The supplemental application states that, except for increases in operating costs similar to those experienced by other carriers, the conditions which justified deviation from the minimum rates generally still obtain and that the proposed increase in the rate would offset these higher costs. Applicant alleges that operations under the proposed rate may reasonably be expected to be profitable and compensatory for the ensuing year.

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

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The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the application and has recommended that it be granted.

In the circumstances it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is 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. Inasmuch as the authority will expire March 22, 1957, the order will be made effective on that date.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Decision No. 49746 of March 2, 1954, as amended, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby further amended by substituting in the first ordering paragraph thereof "eight cents" for "seven and one-half cents"; and that the expiration date of the authority granted by the aforesaid Decision No. 49746, as further amended herein, be and it is hereby extended to March 22, 1958, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective March 22, 1957. Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>1916</u>day of March, 1957.

Commissioners

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