Decision No. 55434

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of LAMB TRANSPORTATION COMPANY,) a corporation, for authority to) transport ground talc in bulk) from Los Angeles to Kaiser, California, at less than the established minimum rates.

Application No. 35273 (Fourth Supplemental)

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Lamb Transportation Company, a corporation, holds a highway contract carrier permit. Prior orders in this proceeding authorized it, under Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code, to observe a rate less than the established minimum rate for the transportation of ground tale in bulk for the American Mineral Company from Los Angeles to Kaiser. Decision No. 53712, dated September 4, 1956, in this proceeding, authorized applicant to assess a rate of 14 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 48,000 pounds. The authority is scheduled to expire September 6, 1957. By this supplemental application, authority is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rate.

The supplemental application states that, except for increased costs, the conditions which justified deviation from the minimum rate still obtain. A cost study submitted with the supplemental application shows that, in spite of the increased costs, the operation under the presently authorized rate may reasonably be expected to be profitable. The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the cost study and recommends that the supplemental application be granted.

In the circumstances it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The supplemental application will be granted.

However, as the conditions surrounding the transportation may change, the extension will be limited to one year unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission. In view of the expiration date of the present authority, the following order will be made effective September 6, 1957.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- (1) That the expiration date of the authority granted by Decision No. 51928, dated September 6, 1955, as amended, be and it is hereby extended to September 6, 1958, 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 September 6, 1957.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 304 day

of August, 1957.

Commissioners