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Decision No. <u>55727</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SIGNAL TRUCKING SERVICE, LTD., a corporation, for authority to depart from the rates, rules and regulations of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5, and Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, under the provisions of the City Carriers' Act and of the Highway Carriers' Act.

Application No. 31459 (8th Supplemental)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds a city carrier and a highway contract carrier permit. It performs transportation for The Proctor and Gamble Distributing Company from the shipper's factory and warehouses in southern California to its customers in southern and central California. By prior orders in this proceeding, it was authorized to deviate from the requirements of outstanding minimum rate orders, under Sections 3666 and 4015 of the Public Utilities Code, insofar as shipping documents and accessorial charges were concerned. The authority is scheduled to expire October 25, 1957. Permission is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rates for a further 120-day period.

The supplemental application states that the conditions which justified deviation from the minimum rates, rules and regulations still obtain. Applicant is authorized, among other things, in connection with split delivery shipments originating at Long Beach, to apply an additional charge of 21 cents per 100 pounds, subject to a five percent surcharge, in lieu of the applicable charge set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. It asserts that in the rehearing of Decision No. 55249 in Case No. 5432, Petition No. 62, highway carriers are requesting increases in the split delivery

charges in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. It also asserts that pending the outcome of such rehearing, agreement on any adjustment in the split delivery charge cannot be reached. Applicant therefore asks for a short extension so that the authority will not expire.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed bases of charges 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 25, 1957.

Therefore, good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- (1) That the expiration date of the authority granted by Decision No. 44602 of August 1, 1950, as amended, be and it is hereby extended to February 22, 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 DE CAUSE FOR PRIVACETION of the authority herein granted.

This order shall become effective October 25, 1957.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22 ml day of October, 1957.

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Commissioners