

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 56170

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) Application No. 31459
of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5, and) (9th Supplemental)
Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, under the)
provisions of the City Carriers' Act)
and of the Highway Carriers' Act.)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. 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, the applicant 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 February 22, 1958.

By its Ninth Supplemental Application, the applicant now seeks authority to continue to deviate from the minimum rates for a further one-year period. Under current authority applicant is authorized to use various documents prepared by the shipper in the regular course of business as shipping documents in lieu of those required under the minimum rate orders. It seeks to continue this practice. In addition, applicant is currently authorized to assess an additional charge for split delivery service of 21 cents per 100

pounds, plus a five percent surcharge, in place of prescribed split delivery charges which are in amounts per delivery graduated according to the weight of the delivery. It seeks also to continue its present method of assessing split delivery charges but to increase the amount of the charge to 25 cents per 100 pounds.

The supplemental application states that the conditions which justified deviation from the minimum rates, rules and regulations still obtain. It shows that the proposed increase in the authorized rate in connection with split-delivery shipments approximates the increase which was recently granted in the minimum rates, and that in the aggregate the charges accruing under the proposed rate will not be less than those which would accrue from a strict application of the minimum rates. Applicant states that the shipper has agreed to this proposed increase.

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.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:


(1) That Appendix "A" to Decision No. 44602 of August 1, 1950, as amended, in this proceeding, is hereby further amended by substituting in Item 2 thereof "25 cents per 100 pounds" for "21 cents per 100 pounds, subject to five percent surcharge";

(2) That the aforesaid authority as so amended is hereby further extended to February 22, 1959, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission;

(3) 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 twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of January, 1958.


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Commissioners