

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 56286

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM, LTD., ) Application No. 30240  
for authority to assess less than )  
the minimum rates. )

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized Direct Delivery System, Ltd., a highway contract carrier, to assess rates lower than the established minimum rates for transportation of soda ash in bulk for The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation from Westend (San Bernardino County) and Bartlett (Inyo County) to WALTERIA (Los Angeles County). The present authority expires March 12, 1958. Applicant now seeks a thirty-day extension of the authority to assess rates less than the minimum rates but no lower than the following, subject to a minimum weight of 48,000 pounds:

From Westend: 37.79 cents per 100 pounds

From Bartlett: 42.25 cents per 100 pounds

Applicant states that the shipper, The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation, intends to close the plant at WALTERIA on March 31, 1958, and move its machinery to Lompoc. Thereafter the soda ash from Westend and Bartlett will move via rail. Because of the imminence of the closing of the WALTERIA plant and of the cessation of movement by applicant, an extension of the authority for only a period of thirty days is sought.

In the circumstances it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable. The thirty-day


extension will be granted. In view of the expiration date of the present authority, the order will be made effective March 12, 1958. This is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary.

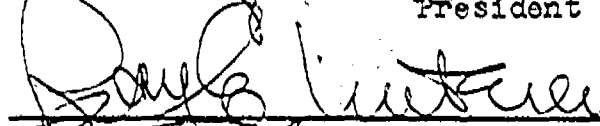

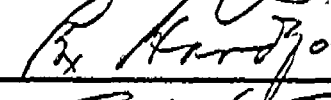

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the expiration date of the authority granted by Decision No. 54,541, dated February 19, 1957, in this proceeding, is hereby extended to April 12, 1958.

This order shall become effective March 12, 1958.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1958.

  
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