Decision No. 56287

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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. 2 under the provisions of the Highway Carriers' Act.

Application No. 27769 (Thirteenth Supplemental)

FOURTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. It transports structural materials and babbitt metal for Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc., between the latter's Los Angeles plant and points in Los Angeles, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties. Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized it, under Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code, to observe monthly and hourly rates in lieu of the minimum rates in cents per 100 pounds otherwise applicable to this transportation. The authority is scheduled to expire February 28, 1958.

By this Thirteenth Supplemental Application, the applicant now seeks authority to continue to deviate from the minimum rates for a further one-year period. Under the current authority applicant is authorized the use of the Los Angeles-Orange County unit rates contained in Item No. 430-J of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5 which were in effect on February 11, 1957, the last time this matter was considered. It now proposes that the authorized rates be increased to the level of the current unit rates in Item No. 430-K which superseded those in Item No. 430-J on September 10, 1957. Applicant states that it has given consideration to the fact that, effective April 15, 1957, minimum monthly vehicle unit rates,

applying statewide, were established in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. It points out that the use of the minimum rates is limited to 125 actual miles of the base of operations. Since applicant's authorization herein exceeds 125 miles, it asserts that the minimum rate provisions are inadequate. Applicant alleges that the proposed rates may reasonably be expected to result in profitable operations during the ensuing year.

In the circumstances it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable. 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 Decision No. 43790 of February 7, 1950, as amended, in this proceeding, be and it is hereby further amended by substituting for Appendix "A-4" thereof Appendix "A-5" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
- (2) That the expiration date of the authority granted by said Decision No. 43790, as further amended herein, be and it is hereby extended to February 28, 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 February 28, 1958.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this thoday of

February, 1958.

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APPENDIX "A-5" TO DECISION NO. UNIT RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS (1)

UNIT RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS (1)

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Column A - Rates in dollars per unit of carrier's equipment for a period of twenty-one successive days or, when the equipment is not operated on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, for a period of twenty-one successive days exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, or any portion of such periods. When equipment is operated in excess of 1,050 miles during the period, add rates provided by Column B. When equipment is operated in excess of 8 hours in any one day, add rates provided by Column C.

Column B-Rates in cents per mile to be added to the Golumn A rates when the unit of carrier's equipment is operated in excess of the maximum mileage allowed thereunder.

Column C - Rates in cents per hour to be added to the Column A rates when the unit of carrier's equipment is operated in excess of the maximum hours allowed thereunder.

- (1) Charges for deliveries in Kern, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura Counties shall be constructed by adding to the charge computed at the rates provided in Columns A, B, and/or C any charge accrued or paid for drivers' wages which is in excess of the charge which would have accrued at the regular and/or overtime wage rates in effect on February 1, 1958, for drivers making deliveries in the Los Angeles Drayage Area, as described in Items Nos. 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5 (Appendix "A" to Decision No. 32504, as amended).
- (2) Weight in pounds is the gross weight of the property transported by the unit of carrier's equipment at the time the equipment is transporting the greatest (heaviest) load during the period covered by the transaction. No allowance shall be made for weight of containers.

(End of Appendix "A-5")