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Decision No. 56331

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) WALKUP DRAYAGE & WAREHOUSE COMPANY) for an order granting permission to) charge less than minimum rates for) the transportation of green coffee) for Hills Bros. in the City and) County of San Francisco.)

Application No. 34980 (Fourth Supplemental)

INTERIM SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds highway contract carrier, radial highway common carrier and city carrier permits. Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized it, as a city carrier, under Section 4015 of the Public Utilities Code, to deviate from the minimum rates for the transportation of green coffee for Hills Brothers Coffee, Inc., from piers on the San Francisco waterfront to the coffee company's plant in San Francisco. The authority is scheduled to expire March 22, 1958. Permission is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rate for a further one-year period. However, applicant proposes that the authorized rate be increased from 8 cents to $8\frac{1}{2}$ cents per 100 pounds.

The supplemental application states that, except for increases in operating costs similar to those experienced by other carriers, the conditions which justified deviation from the minimum rates generally still obtain and that the proposed increase, which is similar to a recent increase granted in the minimum rates, would offset these higher costs.¹ Applicant alleges that operations under the proposed rate may reasonably be expected to be compensatory for the ensuing year. However, the supplemental application does not contain sufficient information to substantiate the alleged reasonableness of the rates. To enable the applicant to submit further

¹ Minimum rates in City Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A were increased by Decision No. 56037 dated January 7, 1958, in Petition for Modification No. 25 in Case No. 5441, and became effective February 1, 1958.

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evidence it will be authorized to assess the proposed rates for a ninety-day period. Inasmuch as the authority will expire March 22, 1958, the order will be made effective on that date.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Decision No. 49746 of March 2, 1954, as amended, in this proceeding, is hereby further amended by substituting in the first ordering paragraph thereof "eight and onehalf cents" for "eight cents"; and that the expiration date of the authority granted by the aforesaid Decision No. 49746, as further amended herein, is hereby extended to June 20, 1958, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective March 22, 1958.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this._____ day of March, 1958.

Commissioners