

Decision No. 56381

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
VETERAN TRUCK LINES, INC., for per-)
mission to perform transportation)
and accessorial services at a rate)
lesser than the minimum established)
rate contained in City Tariff No. 4,)
Highway No. 5, Item No. 430-K.)

Application No. 39820

OPINION AND ORDER

Veteran Truck Lines, Inc., holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier, and city carrier permits. Among other things, it transports property for Broadway Department Stores, Inc., within the city of Los Angeles, between that company's central warehouse and the company's retail store at Broadway and Fourth Street, Los Angeles.

By Decision No. 54454 dated January 29, 1957, in Application No. 38119, applicant was authorized, as a city carrier under Section 4015 of the Public Utilities Code, to deviate from the minimum rates for the aforesaid transportation. The authority expired February 18, 1958. By this application, authority is sought to continue the rate deviation.

The application states that the conditions which justified the original deviation still obtain. Applicant asserts that the operations are being conducted under a long-term contract with the shipper, and that no other carriers will be affected. It further asserts that the operations have been profitable as shown by a cost study submitted with the application. The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the application and has recommended that it be granted.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable and consistent with the public interest. This is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted. However, as the conditions surrounding the transportation may change, the authority will be limited to

one year unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission. Inasmuch as the prior authority expired February 18, 1958, this order will be made effective immediately.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Veteran Truck Lines, Inc., is hereby authorized, in connection with transportation of property performed for the Broadway Department Stores, Inc., between that company's central warehouse located at 3880 North Mission Road, Los Angeles, and the company's retail department store at Broadway and Fourth Street, Los Angeles, to assess a rate less than the applicable minimum rates set forth in Column 4 of Item No. 430 series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5, but not less than \$256.37 per calendar month per truck for the services of two trucks without drivers when said trucks are used in connection with one truck and driver utilized in the same transportation service for which rates are assessed which are not less than those provided in Columns Nos. 4, 5 and 6 of Item No. 430 series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5 (and in effect at time of shipment) for weights of more than 5,000 pounds but not more than 8,000 pounds and subject in all other respects to the provisions of that item.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire one year after the effective date of this order unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of March, 1958.

President
 Commissioner
 Commissioner
 Commissioner

Commissioners