Decision No. 56859

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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. 5 (formerly ) City Carriers' Tariff No. 4, Highway ) Carriers' Tariff No. 5), Minimum Rate ) Tariff No. 2 (formerly Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 2), and Minimum Rate ) Tariff No. 8 (formerly Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 8), under the provisions of the City Carriers' Act and ) the Highway Carriers' Act.

Application No. 31378 (Seventh Supplemental)

## SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. Prior orders in this proceeding have authorized it, under Sections 3666 and 4015 of the Public Utilities Code, to deviate from the established minimum rates. The authority is limited to the transportation of merchandise and store supplies under contract for the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company from that company's Los Angeles warehouse to its retail stores in southern California. It permits deviation from the requirement that each article in a shipment be classified separately and in lieu thereof allows shipments to be classified on a fixed percentage basis. It also permits applicant to observe other designated special bases for related services. The authority is scheduled to expire June 25, 1958. Applicant now seeks extension of the authority for a further one-year period.

The supplemental application shows that in general the conditions surrounding the transportation in question which justifield deviation from the minimum rates still obtain, and that the classification mixture is substantially the same as currently authorized.

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In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed bases of rating and charges are reasonable and consistent with the public interest. The supplemental application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. In view of the expiration date of the current authority, the order will be made effective June 25, 1958.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the expiration date of the authority granted to Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., by Decision No. 45797 of June 5, 1951, in this proceeding, is hereby extended to June 25, 1959, unless sooner changed or further extended by order of the Commission.

In all other respects said Decision No. 45797, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

This order shall become effective June 25, 1958.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>1772</u> day of June, 1958.