

Decision No. 57148

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of DIRECT DELIVERY SYSTEM, LTD.,) Application No. 33160
for authority to assess less than) (Eighth Supplemental
minimum rates.)

EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds a highway contract and a city carrier permit. Decision No. 55432 of August 20, 1957, in this proceeding, authorized it as a highway contract carrier, under Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code, to assess rates lower than the established minimum rates in connection with the transportation of diatomaceous earth from quarries of The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation, which are located approximately nine miles southeast and five and one-half miles southwest of Lompoc, to a processing plant of that company in that city. The authority is scheduled to expire August 31, 1958.

By this application authority is sought to continue to deviate from the minimum rates. Applicant proposes, however, to increase the authorized rate from 51.5 cents per ton to 52.5 cents per ton.

The supplemental application alleges that, except for increase in the cost of operation, the conditions which justified deviation from the minimum rates still obtain; and that the proposed increase in the rate will offset the higher operating cost. A statement attached to the application shows that the operation has been profitable under the authorized rate and that it may reasonably be expected to be profitable for the ensuing year at the adjusted rate. The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the supplemental application and has recommended that it be granted.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable. This is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. The supplemental application will be granted. However, as the conditions surrounding the transportation may change, the extension will be limited to one year unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission. In view of the expiration of the current authority, the following order will be made effective August 31, 1958.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

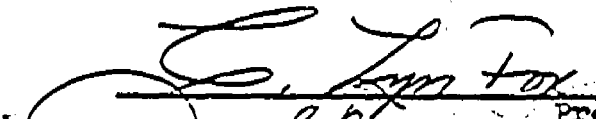
IT IS ORDERED:

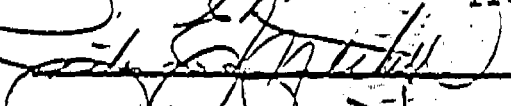
(1) That Direct Delivery System, Ltd., is hereby authorized to transport diatomaceous earth for the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation from that company's quarries located approximately nine miles southeast and five and one-half miles southwest of the City of Lompoc to a processing plant of that company in that city at a rate not less than 52.5 cents per ton, minimum weight 40,000 pounds.


(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire August 31, 1959, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

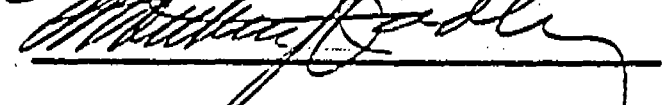
This order shall become effective August 31, 1958.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of August, 1958.



President






Commissioners