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Decision No. 58097

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Consolidated Freightways, Inc.,) a corporation, (successor on merger to Lamb)) Transportation Company, a corporation) for) authority to transport ground talc in bulk)) from Los Angeles to Kaiser, California at) less than the established minimum rates.)

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OPINION AND ORDER

Consolidated Freightways, Inc., holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits.¹ It also ~ holds certificates to operate as a highway common carrier and as a petroleum irregular route carrier between points not involved in this proceeding.

By this application, authority is sought by Consolidated Freightways, Inc., as a highway contract carrier, to transport ground tale, in bulk, from Los Angeles to Kaiser for the American Mineral Company at a rate lower than the prescribed minimum rate.

Applicant is the successor, on merger and dissolution, to the operations and assets of Lamb Transportation Company, a California corporation, theretofore subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. Authority similar to that herein sought was held by Lamb Transportation Company and was extended to the present applicant on an interim basis to permit the preparation of evidence from which the Commission might determine the reasonableness of continuing the authority (Decision No. 57407, dated September 29, 1958, in Application No. 35273).

Applicant alleges that the same or similar conditions exist concerning this transportation under applicant's operations as heretofore existed when transportation was conducted by Lamb Transportation Company. A cost study attached to the application indicates that for

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By Decision No. 57407 of September 29, 1958, in Application No. 35273, applicant's radial highway common carrier permit was conditioned to exclude the transportation involved in this proceeding.

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the transportation involved Consolidated's present costs are \$55.53 per load. The revenue at the proposed rate and minimum weight is \$67.20 per load. On this basis the operation would result in a profit of \$11.67 per load and an operating ratio of 82.63 percent.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. In view of the expiration date of the current authority, the following order will be made effective March 16, 1959.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Consolidated Freightways, Inc., is hereby authorized to transport ground talc, in bulk, from Los Angeles to Kaiser for the American Mineral Company at less than the established minimum rate but not less than 14 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 48,000 pounds.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire March 16, 1960, unless sconer canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

The effective date of this order shall be March 16, 1959.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>10</u> day of March, 1959.

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