

Decision No. 59639

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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, and) Application No. 41775
Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, under)
the provisions of the City Carriers')
Act and of the Highway Carriers' Act.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. It performs transportation for The Procter and Gamble Distributing Company from the shipper's factory and warehouses in southern California to its customers in southern and central California. By prior orders in Application No. 31459 it was authorized to deviate from the requirements of outstanding minimum rate orders, under Sections 3666 and 4015 of the Public Utilities Code, insofar as shipping documents and accessorial charges were concerned. The authority is scheduled to expire February 22, 1960.

By this application, filed December 21, 1959, applicant now seeks authority to continue to deviate from the minimum rates for a further one-year period. Under the current authority applicant is authorized to use various documents prepared by the shipper in the regular course of business as shipping documents in lieu of those required under the minimum rate orders. It seeks to continue this practice. In addition, applicant is currently authorized to assess an additional charge for split delivery service of 27 cents per 100 pounds, in place of the prescribed split delivery charges which are in amounts per delivery graduated according to the weight of the delivery.

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It seeks also to continue its present method of assessing split delivery charges, but to increase the amount of the charge to 26 cents per 100 pounds.

Applicant states that, based upon its experience in the past, the transportation, if continued under the proposed bases of charges, will be compensatory for the forthcoming year. According to the application the proposed increase in the authorized rate in connection with split-delivery shipments approximates the increase which was recently established in the minimum rates (Decision No. 59090, dated September 29, 1959, in Case No. 5432, Petitions for Modification Nos. 149 and 153). The application states that in the aggregate the charges accruing under its proposal will not be less than those which would accrue from a strict application of the minimum rates.

The application shows that, on or about December 18, 1959, a copy thereof was mailed to the California Trucking Associations, Inc. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed bases of charges 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.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., is hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of the minimum rate orders otherwise applicable, in connection with certain services performed for The Procter and Gamble Distributing Company, to the extent specifically provided in Appendix "A" attached hereto and by this

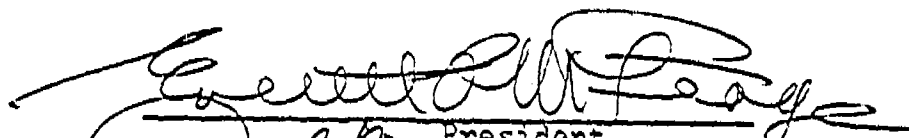
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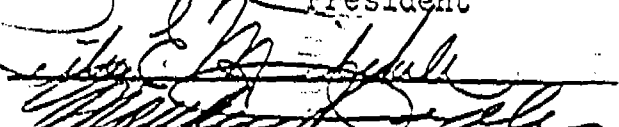
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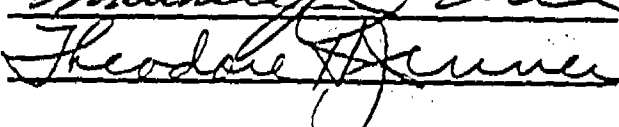
(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire
February 22, 1961.

The effective date of this order shall be February 22,
1960.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of
February, 1960.



President




Theodore Fudge

Commissioners

APPENDIX "A" TO DECISION NO. 59639

The authority herein granted applies only in connection with property transported by Signal Trucking Service, Ltd. (hereinafter called "the carrier") for The Procter & Gamble Distributing Company between points in California south of an east-west line through the City of Madera:

1. The carrier is authorized to use, in lieu of other shipping documents, the forms of documents submitted as Exhibits Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Application No. 31459, provided:

(a) The documents collectively shall contain all information necessary to an accurate determination of the applicable rate and charge, except that weights, where standardized, need not be shown.

(b) Documents covering each shipment, if separated, shall be cross-referenced and filed in a manner permitting ready assembly.

(c) A copy of each document shall be retained and preserved by the carrier, subject to the inspection of any authorized representative of the Commission, for a period of not less than three years from the date of its issuance.

2. The carrier is authorized, in connection with split-delivery shipments originating at Long Beach, to apply an additional charge of 28 cents per 100 pounds in lieu of the additional split delivery charges set forth in Item No. 170-P of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. This charge shall be made in addition to the line-haul rate.

3. The carrier is authorized to use, without assessing additional charges therefor, employees other than drivers, in lieu of drivers, for loading its vehicles.

(End of Appendix "A")