

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 60154

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Sierra Distributing, Ltd., A Corporation,	)	
for authorization to transport Empty	)	Application No. 41990
Containers for Campbell Soup Company	)	
in California at rate below Minimum in	)	
Minimum Rate Tariff Number 2.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Sierra Distributing, Ltd., a corporation, holds radial highway common, highway contract and city carrier permits. By this application, filed February 29, 1960, it seeks authority to charge rates lower than the prescribed minimum rates for the transportation of certain used set up aluminum containers from Sacramento to Crockett, Tracy and Newark on the return movement from paying loads for Campbell Soup Company. The rates sought to be assessed on these containers are the class rates in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, but subject to a rating of one-half of fourth class in lieu of the rating of double first class which otherwise would be applicable.

No objection has been received to the granting of this application. California Trucking Associations, Inc., has informed the Commission in writing that it has no objection to the granting of the authority sought.

Applicant transports raw materials and finished products as a contract carrier to and from the Sacramento plant of Campbell Soup Company. The aluminum containers herein involved, known as "Tote Bins" and "Nest-A-Bins," are used to transport salt and sugar to that plant.

According to the application, the present rates based on the rating of double first class on these containers do not justify their use, and applicant therefore is deprived of an important haul. Applicant alleges that the proposed rates will yield revenues equal to that accruing on similar containers now subject to rates of one-half of fourth class. It asserts that the conditions and volume of tonnage under which applicant transports both inbound raw materials and outbound finished products for Campbell Soup Company are unusually favorable, and enable applicant to realize economies in operations. Applicant further states that the methods and costs of transporting the bulk containers covered by this application are similar to those involved in the transportation of bulk shipping containers by applicant for Procter & Gamble Co., and A. R. Maas Chemical Co., for which the Commission authorized rates on the level here sought in Decision No. 59129 dated October 6, 1959, in Application No. 41411.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable. This is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Because the conditions under which the service is performed may change at any time, the authority will be made to expire at the end of one year, unless sooner changed, canceled or extended by order of the Commission.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Sierra Distributing, Ltd., a corporation, is hereby authorized to transport used empty containers, bulk commodity shipping, aluminum, set up, at less than the established minimum



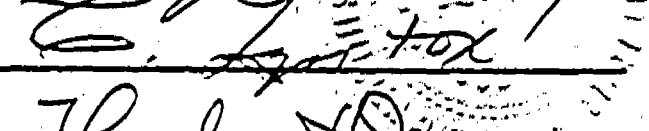
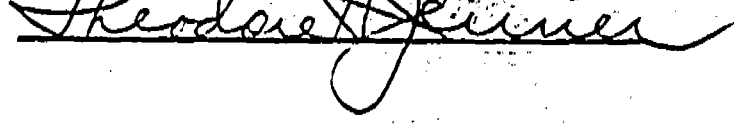
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rates, but not less than rates based on one-half of the fourth class rates in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, subject to the applicable minimum weight, from Sacramento to Crockett, Tracy and Newark when said containers are for return paying load, for the account of Campbell Soup Company.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire June 6, 1961.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1960.

  
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