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Decision No. 60851

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| In the Matter of the Application of) | |
| J. CHRISTENSON CO., a corporation,) | |
| and TED PETERS TRUCKING COMPANY,) | Application No. 42669 |
| INC., a corporation, to increase) | |
| rates and charges.) | |

OPINION AND ORDER

J. Christenson Co. and Ted Peters Trucking Company, Inc., operate as highway common carriers between various points in the State of California. Their tariffs include commodity rates on a number of commodities for which minimum rates have not been established. By this application, filed September 16, 1960, they seek authority to increase these commodity rates and charges, on less than statutory notice, by the same amounts as the fourth class rates published in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 have been increased by Decision No. 60621, dated August 23, 1960, in Case No. 5432.¹ Applicant J. Christenson Co. also seeks authority to increase certain rates applicable between West Sacramento and Sacramento by the same amount that the minimum fourth class rates were increased for comparable distances in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 by Decision No. 60621. Applicants also seek authority to depart from the long-and-short haul provisions of the Constitution of the State of California and of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to make the proposed increases.

Applicants state that the levels of commodity rates on exempt commodities are depressed; that the transportation conditions, including cost of rendering the service, attending the movement of

¹ The increased rates established by Decision No. 60621 became effective September 23, 1960.

the exempt commodities are generally the same as those attending the movement of commodities for which minimum class rates are provided in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2; and that applicants desire to maintain commodity rates on so-called exempt commodities on the same general relationship to their class rates as they have maintained them over the past several years.

Interested parties have been notified of the filing of the application. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances it appears, and the Commission finds, that the sought increases are justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. In view of the adjustments in the minimum rates having become effective September 23, the order herein will be made effective ten days after the date hereof.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That J. Christenson Co. and Ted Peters Trucking Company, Inc., are hereby authorized, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to increase their commodity rates and charges on commodities for which minimum rates have not been established by the same amounts in cents per 100 pounds as the fourth class rates for the same distances named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 have been increased by Decision No. 60621, dated August 23, 1960, in Case No. 5432.

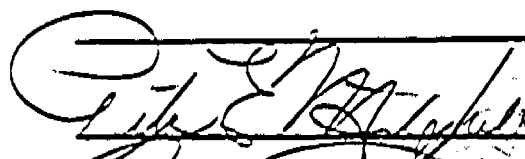
(2) That J. Christenson Co. is hereby authorized, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to increase its commodity rates on meat and certain packing house products between West Sacramento and Sacramento by three percent.

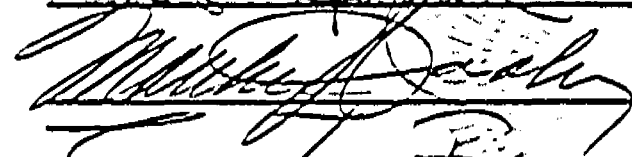
(3) That applicants are authorized to depart from the provisions of Article XII, Section 21 of the Constitution of the State of California, and Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to adjust long-and-short haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations; that such outstanding authorizations be and they are hereby modified to the extent necessary to comply with this order; and that applicants in publishing rates under this authority shall make reference in their schedules to the prior orders authorizing long-and-short haul departures and to this order.

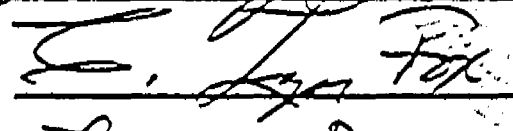
(4) The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

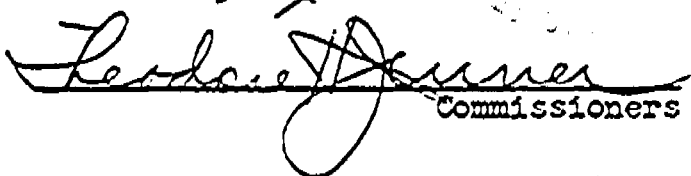
This order shall become effective ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of October, 1960.



President






Commissioners