

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 62660

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Consolidated Freightways)	
Corporation of Delaware, a corporation,)	Application No. 43731
for authority to charge less than the)	
minimum rates for the transportation)	(Filed September 5, 1961)
of calcined petroleum coke.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 60824, dated October 4, 1960, in Application No. 42612, applicant was authorized to assess a rate less than the applicable minimum rate for shipments of calcined petroleum coke in bulk for Great Lakes Carbon Corporation from Wilmington to Long Beach Harbor, a distance of 5.39 miles. The authority is scheduled to expire October 19, 1961.

By this application, authority is sought to continue to charge less than the minimum rate otherwise applicable for a period of not less than one year. Applicant requests also that the authority be modified by adjusting the authorized rate of 53 cents per ton¹ to 54 cents per ton.

Applicant states that it has maintained detailed figures of the cost of the transportation herein involved which indicate that, based on present costs, it can continue this operation at a profit at the proposed rate. The cost study is submitted as Appendix A to the application.

The transportation in question entails movement of calcined petroleum coke from the coke calcining plant of Great Lakes Carbon Corporation at Wilmington to the Port of Long Beach for transfer into and export by vessel. The export movements are irregular

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No authority for an increase in the rate is required from this Commission, as applicant, insofar as this proceeding is concerned, is a permitted carrier for which only minimum rates have been established. Authority to continue the deviation from the minimum rate tariff beyond October 19, 1961, is required, however, inasmuch as the proposed rate is below the minimum rate otherwise applicable.

and are responsive to orders received from customers and to arrivals at Long Beach of vessels that are bound for ports of call to which the coke is consigned. These vessel movements average from two to four each month, and each vessel accepts from 2,000 to 9,000 tons.

The application alleges that the shipper and carrier have found the transportation to be mutually satisfactory and beneficial. It further states that notwithstanding the fact the movement herein is not continuous, the heavy volume handled in loading each vessel and the extraordinarily efficient bulk loading facilities utilized combine to make the sought rate fully compensatory.

The application shows that on or about September 1, 1961, a copy thereof was served on California Trucking Associations, Inc. No objection to its being granted has been received. The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the verified application and has recommended that it be granted.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable for the transportation for which it would apply. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

(1) Consolidated Freightways Corporation of Delaware, a corporation, is hereby authorized to transport calcined petroleum coke, in bulk, for Great Lakes Carbon Corporation from the shipper's plant at Wilmington to Long Beach Harbor, Pier D, Berth 28, at a rate of not less than 54 cents per ton in lieu of the minimum rate otherwise applicable.

(2) The authority granted herein shall, on and after October 19, 1961, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 60824, and shall expire with October 19, 1962.

The effective date of this order shall be October 19, 1961.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of October, 1961.

Carroll W. Page

President

E. Lynn Fox

George G. Hoover

Fredrick B. Halblott

Commissioners

Peter E. Mitchell -
Commissioner....., being
necessarily absent, did not participate
in the disposition of this proceeding.