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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) SIERRA DISTRIBUTING, LTD., a) California corporation, for author-) ization to continue transportation) of Trisodium Phosphate at-rate) below Minimum Rate Tariff Number 2)

Application No. 43863 (Filed October 23, 1961)

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 61054, dated November 16, 1960, in Application No. 41830, applicant was authorized, as a highway contract carrier, to charge less than the minimum rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 for the transportation of chlorinated trisodium phosphate from Richmond to Sacramento for the Procter & Gamble Company. The authority provides for the use of the Class E rate, subject to a minimum weight of 45,000 pounds, instead of the otherwise applicable 5th Class rate, subject to a minimum weight of 36,000 pounds.¹ It is scheduled to expire December 5, 1961. By this application authority is sought to continue the deviation from the minimum rate otherwise applicable.

The application alleges that revenues since December 1960 for hauling bulk trisodium phosphate are in excess of the estimates made when this matter was initially considered. It also alleges that the transportation herein involved always consists of a back haul following a shipment of other commodities to Richmond and other Bay area points for the above shipper; that applicant is operating under full capacity load factors in the round trip hauling; that it is able to realize substantial economies; and that the granting of the sought authority will have no adverse effect on other modes of transportation.

¹ The 5th Class rate named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 applicable from Richmond to Sacramento is 31 cents per 100 pounds. The Class E rate is 21 cents per 100 pounds.

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Applicant states that a copy of the application 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 applicant's proposed Class E rating for the transportation herein involved is reasonable. 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.

In view of the expiration date of the current authority the order which follows will be made effective on December 5, 1961.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

(1) Sierra Distributing, Ltd., is hereby autoorized to assess a rate on the level of the Class E rate in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 (including applicable surcharge), subject to a minimum weight of 45,000 pounds, for the transportation of chlorinated trisodium phosphate from Richmond to Sacramento for the Procter & Gamble Company.

(2) The authority herein granted shall, on and afterDecember 5, 1961, supersede the authority granted by Decision No.61054 and shall expire with December 5, 1962.

The effective date of this order shall be December 5, 1961. Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>29</u>Th day of November, 1961.

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