

Decision No. 62914

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
RAVISCIONI TRUCKING, INC., a corpora-)
tion, for an extension and amendment)
of the order authorizing departure from)
the rates, rules and regulations of)
Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, pursuant to)
the provisions of Section 3666 of the)
Public Utilities Code for the transpor-)
tation of Alfalfa Pellets from the)
Murietta Farms Plant, twelve miles)
southwest of Mendota, to Kerman.)

Application No. 43912
(Filed November 13, 1961)

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 61278 dated December 28, 1960, in Application No. 42844, applicant was authorized to transport alfalfa pellets in bulk from Murietta Farms to Kerman at a rate less than the established minimum rate but not less than five cents per 100 pounds, subject to a minimum weight of 45,000 pounds. The authority is scheduled to expire January 4, 1962. By this application extension of the current authority is sought. It also asks that the authority be modified by adjusting the authorized rate from 5 to 6½ cents per 100 pounds.¹

The transportation herein involved is described in Decision No. 59403 dated December 15, 1959, in Application No. 41354. As stated therein, both loading and unloading of trucks are accomplished very quickly by gravity at carrier's convenience at any time; there is no delay at either point of origin or

¹ No authority for the increase is required from this Commission inasmuch as applicant performs the service as a highway permit carrier for which only minimum rates have been established. Authority to continue the use of the sought rate after January 4, 1962, is required, however, inasmuch as this rate is below the minimum rate otherwise applicable.

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destination; and the average number of round trips is three per day. The application alleges that average load for the first nine months of 1961 was 24.13 tons.

It was found in Decision No. 59403 that, while no specific study had been made of the cost of performing the service in question, the record contained sufficient evidence on which to reach the conclusion that applicant would be able to perform the transportation of alfalfa pellets in bulk from Marietta Farms to Kerman at the sought rate on a compensatory basis.

According to the application, the conditions and circumstances which prevailed when Decision No. 61278, supra, was issued continue to exist, except that the costs per truck mile have increased. It is alleged that the results of operation at the sought rate of 6½ cents per 100 pounds for the involved transportation will result in a profitable operation.

In view of the relatively favorable conditions under which the services herein involved are performed, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted. However, as the conditions surrounding the transportation may change, the extension will be limited to one year.

Good cause appearing,

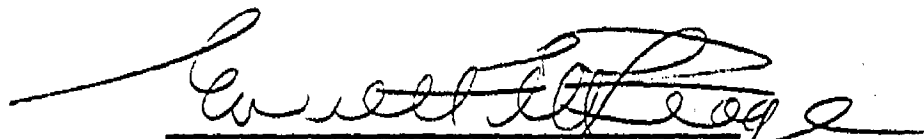
IT IS ORDERED that:


(1) Raviscioni Trucking, Inc., is hereby authorized to transport alfalfa pellets in bulk from Murietta Farms, located twelve miles southwest of Mendota, to Kerman, at a rate less than the minimum rate, but not less than 6½ cents per 100 pounds, subject to a minimum weight of 45,000 pounds.


(2) The authority herein granted shall on and after January 4, 1962, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 61278 and shall expire with January 4, 1963.

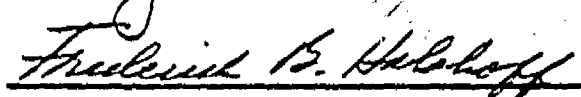
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 5th day of December, 1961.



President






Commissioners

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