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Decision No.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of VETERAN TRUCK LINES, INC., for) permission to perform transporta-) tion and accessorial services at) a rate lesser than the minimum) established rate contained in) City Tariff No. 4, Highway) No. 5, Item No. 430-M.)

Application No. 44274 (Filed March 13, 1962)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common, highway contract and city carrier permits. By Decision No. 60267 dated June 14, 1960, in Application No. 42186, it was authorized to charge less than the established minimum rates for the transportation of property for Broadway Department Stores, Inc. The authority expired June 26, 1961. By this application, authority again is sought to perform the transportation at less than the minimum rates.

The service which has been performed and is again proposed to be performed consists of transportation of property, in three specially constructed trucks, between the Broadway Department Stores, Inc., central warehouse located at 3880 North Mission Road, Los Angeles, and that company's retail store at Broadway and Fourth Street in Los Angeles. These trucks would be operated by one driver in a shuttle service in which one of the trucks, loaded or empty, is driven between warehouse and store while the other trucks are being loaded or unloaded. The loading or unloading is performed by employees of Broadway Department Stores,Inc.

The rates that applicant proposes to assess Broadway Department Stores, Inc., for the driver and one truck are the applicable minimum rates set forth in Item No. 430 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5 in effect at time of shipment. For each of the other two trucks,

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without driver, applicant proposes to assess a rate of \$256.37 per calendar month.

Applicant alleges that the operation will be performed under a long-term contract with the shipper; that such operation is limited to one activity, unusual in nature, performed in connection with other transportation needs performed by applicant for Broadway Department Stores, Inc.; that no other carriers will be affected, and that, based on a cost study submitted with the application, the operation will be profitable.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the proposed rates are reasonable and consistent with the public interest. This is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted. However, as the conditions surrounding the transportation involved herein may change, the authority will be limited to expire May 28, 1963, unless sooner changed, canceled or extended by order of the Commission.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

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1. Veteran Truck Lines, Inc., is hereby authorized, in connection with transportation of property performed for Broadway Department Stores, Inc., between that company's central warehouse located at 3880 North Mission Road, Los Angeles, and the company's retail department store at Broadway and Fourth Street, Los Angeles, to assess a rate less than the applicable minimum rates set forth in Item No. 430 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5, but not less than \$256.37 per calendar month per truck for the services of two trucks without drivers when said trucks are used in connection with one truck and driver utilized in the same transportation service for which rates

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are assessed which are not less than those provided in Columns Nos. 4, 5 and 6 of Item No. 430 series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5 (and in effect at time of shipment) and subject in all other respects to the provisions of that time.

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2. The authority herein granted shall expire May 28, 1963, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>Strap</u> day of May, 1962.

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President

Commissioners