

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 63783

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SIGNAL TRUCKING SERVICE, LTD., a)
corporation, for authority to depart)
from the rates, rules, and regula-)
tions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5,)
Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, and)
Minimum Rate Tariff No. 8, under the)
provisions of the City Carriers' Act)
and the Highway Carriers' Act.)

Application No. 44370
(Filed April 20, 1962)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. By Decision No. 62038, dated May 22, 1961, in Application No. 43345, it was authorized to assess charges on a basis less than the established minimum rates in connection with the transportation of merchandise and store supplies for The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company from that company's Los Angeles warehouse to its retail stores in southern California. The authority permits a deviation from the requirement that each article in a shipment be classified separately for rating purposes, and permits the observance of designated bases for related services other than those which ordinarily would apply under the governing minimum rate tariffs. The authority is scheduled to expire June 25, 1962. By this application, authority is sought to continue to perform the service under the rates, rules and regulations previously authorized.

Applicant alleges that the conditions which prevailed at time of the hearing in the original application continue to exist;

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It is also authorized to operate as a highway common carrier of general commodities and special commodities between points in California not involved herein.

that a sampling of the commodities being transported at the present time would disclose but slight variations from the classification percentages previously authorized; and that the nature of the commodities transported herein involved varies but slightly from year to year because applicant transports articles for which the need remains substantially consistent in volume and classification. Applicant states that, based upon its experience over the many years it has handled this traffic, it is satisfied that it can continue to provide the service at a satisfactory profit.

The application shows that a copy thereof was served on California Trucking Associations, Inc. on or about April 19, 1962. 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 rates are reasonable and consistent with the public interest. 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.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., is hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of the minimum rate orders otherwise applicable to the services which it performs for The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company to the extent specifically provided in Appendix A which is attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after June 25, 1962, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 62038 and shall expire with June 25, 1963.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of June, 1962.

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 President
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George T. Hoover
Frederick B. Hallock

Commissioners

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

APPENDIX A TO DECISION NO. 63783

The authority herein granted applies only in connection with property transported by Signal Trucking Service, Ltd. (hereinafter called "the carrier") for The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (hereinafter called "the shipper") between points in southern California area south or southerly of, and including, the cities of Santa Barbara and Taft.

Section I

The authority granted in this section applies only to shipments of property which originate at shipper's warehouse located at 4510 S. Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles, and which are delivered to shipper's retail stores in southern California area as above described.

Item 1. The carrier is authorized to classify, for rate purposes, shipments of property (see Note) which are subject to the provisions of this Section as follows:

(a) Shipments subject to a minimum weight of 20,000 pounds:

<u>Percent of total weight of shipments</u>	<u>Rate as</u>
.011	150% of 1st Class
.111	110% of 1st Class
9.437	1st Class
13.288	2nd Class
6.770	3rd Class
69.108	4th Class
1.242	90% of 4th Class

(b) Shipments subject to a minimum weight of less than 20,000 pounds:

Rate as third class.

Note: The term "property" as used in this item means those articles of merchandise and store supplies listed in Exhibit No. 3-G in Application No. 31378 and merchandise and store supplies of similar nature or purpose.

Item 2. The carrier is authorized to assess and collect charges for the transportation of property classified in accordance with the provisions of Item 1 above on the basis of composite rates representing the percentage distributions shown therein.

- Item 3. In connection with the computation and collection of charges for a shipment transported in split-delivery service, the carrier is authorized to apply the additional charges provided in Item No. 170 series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 and in Item No. 180 series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 8 on the basis of the average weight, instead of the actual weights, of several component parts of the shipment.

Section II

- Item 1. The carrier is authorized to use, in lieu of other shipping documents, the forms of documents submitted as part of Exhibit No. 3 in Application No. 31378, provided that:

- (a) The documents shall contain all of the information necessary for an accurate determination of the applicable rates and charges; and
- (b) The documents covering each shipment, if separated, shall be cross-referenced and filed in a manner permitting ready assembly.

The term "groceries" may be used to identify collectively, in the shipping documents herein authorized, the various articles of merchandise and other property which are classified in accordance with the provisions of Item 1, Section I, above.

- Item 2. The carrier is authorized to assess a charge of \$10.50 per day per semi-trailer for the use by shipper of semi-trailers without tractors.
- Item 3. The carrier is authorized to use, without assessing additional charges therefor, employees other than drivers, in lieu of drivers, for loading its vehicles.

(End of Appendix A)