

Decision No. 65165**ORIGINAL**

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of )  
 FRED V. YOUNG, doing business as )  
 FERRO BROTHERS TRUCKING COMPANY, )  
 for authority to continue to depart )  
 from the rates, rules and regula- )  
 tions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 )  
 under the provision of Section 3666 )  
 of the Public Utilities Code, for )  
 FRESNO CONSUMERS ICE CO. )

Application No. 45199  
 (Filed February 25, 1963)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common and highway contract carrier permits. By Decision No. 63920 dated July 10, 1962, in Application No. 44335, he was authorized as a highway contract carrier to charge rates which are less than the minimum rates otherwise applicable for the transportation of shipments of ice for Fresno Consumers Ice Co., from Stockton and Fresno to the field station of California Packing Corporation at Fancher Ranch.<sup>1</sup> The authorized less-than-minimum rates are 20 cents per 100 pounds from Stockton and 18 cents per 100 pounds from Fresno. Both rates are based on a minimum weight of 42,000 pounds. The authority is scheduled to expire April 1, 1963.

Applicant herein seeks authority to continue the current authorization for a period of one year.

The present rates were authorized by Decision No. 63920, supra, following a public hearing held on May 24, 1962. The record developed at that time established the facts, as recited in the decision, that for approximately two months each year, usually commencing on or about July 10, California Packing Corporation collects fruit at the field station, hydro-cools it and ships it. Fresno

<sup>1</sup> Fancher Ranch is located on Yosemite Highway approximately six miles east of Merced.

Consumers Ice Co. has been selling ice to California Packing Corporation for the hydro-cooling process and applicant has transported the ice for Fresno Consumers Ice Co. The 1961 season lasted 50 working days extending from July 19 to September 8, during which time applicant transported 6,615 tons of ice in 315 loads. In the operation applicant used five trailers and eight 40-foot, insulated, van-type semi-trailers. The interiors of the trailers were modified so that 140 blocks of ice, each weighing 300 pounds, could be loaded and blocked into place without delay. During the season the equipment was not used in any other service except the one involved herein. For the 1961 season applicant received for the transportation gross revenue of \$24,208. The full cost of providing the service, including overhead expenses, was \$16,043.51.

By his present application, applicant alleges that no material changes have occurred and that previous allegations concerning the operations herein involved are equally applicable today. He states that based upon his experience in performing the transportation service authorized by Decision No. 63920, the authorized rates are adequate and enable him to derive therefrom the cost of performing the service, together with a reasonable profit. He states that he operated at a profit during the past year under the authorized rates and that the operations will also be profitable if the current authority is extended. The application states that the transportation service at the authorized rates is important to the shipper, receiver and carrier.

The verified application shows that a copy thereof was served on the California Trucking Association on or about February 20, 1963. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable for the transportation service involved. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Fred V. Young is hereby authorized to transport shipments of ice for Fresno Consumers Ice Co. from Stockton and Fresno to the field station of California Packing Corporation at Fancher Ranch located on Yosemite Highway approximately six miles easterly from Merced at the following rates:

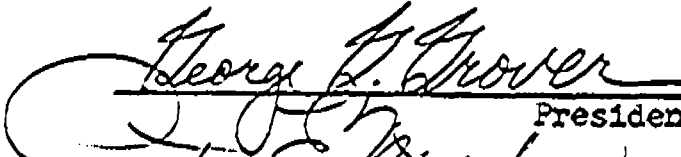
Commodity: Ice. Minimum weight 42,000 pounds.


	<u>Rate in Cents</u> <u>Per 100 Pounds</u>
From Stockton	20
From Fresno	18

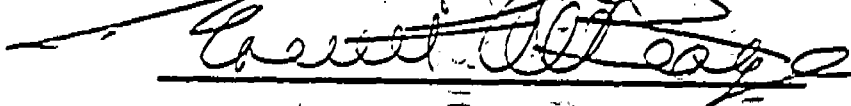
2. The authority granted herein shall expire with April 1, 1964.


This order shall become effective on the date hereof.


Dated at San Francisco; California, this 2nd day of April, 1963.

  
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