

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 65343

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Donald H. Shields,)
a contract permit carrier, for)
authority to extend his rate)
authority as granted by Decision)
No. 63604, dated April 24, 1962.)

Application No. 45242
(Filed March 12, 1963)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds a highway contract carrier permit. By Decision No. 63604, dated April 24, 1962, in Application No. 43922, he was authorized to transport crushed gypsum rock in dump truck equipment from a quarry 5 miles east of Ventucopa to railhead destinations at Maricopa and Pentland for Monolith Portland Cement Company at less than the established minimum rates but not less than the minimum rates for like transportation within Northern Territory.¹ The authority is scheduled to expire May 14, 1963. By this application he seeks authority to continue the current authorization.

Applicant alleges that he has for approximately one year past transported crushed gypsum rock in bulk for the account of, and under a continuing contract with, Monolith Portland Cement Company from the aforementioned quarry to railheads at Maricopa and Pentland; that the Sunset Railway tracks have been removed between Pentland and Maricopa; that he is now transporting gypsum in dump truck equipment from the point of origin to the loading ramp at Pentland; that said loading ramp has been constructed so that the trucks can drive

¹ The transportation in question originates within Southern Territory and terminates within Northern Territory. Under the provisions of Item No. 120-B of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 7, the higher Southern Territory rates apply to the interterritorial movement involved.

over the rail cars receiving the gypsum; that twenty minutes per trip are saved by the use of a dump truck and a hopper bottom trailer instead of a "pull-in" truck and trailer formerly used to ship to the Maricopa railhead; that the hauling situation has therefore improved since the date of Decision No. 63604 with the result that there are greater efficiencies permitting an increase in profits to him; that he has experienced an upward adjustment in driver's wages since the above decision was granted; that these increases have been more than offset by the increased efficiencies referred to above; that his operations have been on a satisfactory basis during the past year; and that such operations will be on a better basis due to the improved ramp now available at Portland.

A copy of the application was served on the California Trucking Association on or about March 18, 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. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted. However, as the conditions surrounding the transportation may change, this authority will be limited to one year.

In view of the expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective May 14, 1963.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Donald H. Shields is hereby authorized to transport, by dump truck equipment, crushed gypsum rock, in loads of 23 tons or more per unit of equipment used, for the Monolith Portland Cement Company from a quarry of said company which is located in Quntal

Canyon at a point about 5 miles east of Ventucopa to railhead destination at Pentland, at less than the established minimum rates but not less than those which, in accordance with the provisions of Item No. 148 series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 7, apply at time of shipment for like transportation from a commercial producing plant in Northern Territory to a railhead.

2. The authority granted herein shall, on and after May 14, 1963, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 63604 and shall expire with May 14, 1964.

This order shall become effective May 14, 1963.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 7th day of May, 1963.

George J. Grover
President
John S. Mitchell
Fredrick B. Holmoff
William W. Burnett
Commissioners

Commissioner Everett C. McKeage, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.