

ORIGINALDecision No. 66034

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
SIERRA DISTRIBUTING LTD., for the)	
authorization to transport bulk salt)	Application No. 45588
and sugar in shipper owned containers)	
at rate below Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.))	

OPINION AND ORDER

By the above-entitled application, filed July 9, 1963, and amended August 14, 1963, Sierra Distributing, Ltd., a highway contract carrier, seeks authority under Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code to charge less than the minimum rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 for the transportation of salt and sugar in bulk in shipper owned containers between Sacramento, on the one hand, and Newark, Tracy and Crockett, on the other hand, for the Campbell Soup Company.

Applicant proposes a rate of 25 cents per 100 pounds, subject to a minimum weight of 45,000 pounds, with the containers to be charged at the same rate. This would result in a reduction only in the rate for salt from Newark, which at present is subject to a rate of 29 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 40,000 pounds. At the 25-cent rate and 45,000 pounds of salt in containers weighing an additional 2,700 pounds, applicant would receive more revenue per load than at the 29-cent rate.

Applicant states that it has hauled all the bulk salt and sugar for the shipper between the points here involved since 1958, that the revenues and earnings for this transportation have been profitable, that applicant's experience and the shipper's cooperation

have resulted in efficient hourly use factors of applicant's equipment resulting in substantial economies in operations, and that granting of the authority herein sought will enable the applicant and the shipper to plan and project future shipments through the production seasons.

It is clear that applicant can perform the transportation here involved profitably under the sought rates. In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the less-than-minimum rates here sought are reasonable. The California Trucking Association has informed the Commission that it has no objection to the ex parte consideration requested. 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 limited to a one-year period.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Sierra Distributing, Ltd., is hereby authorized to transport salt and sugar for Campbell Soup Company between Sacramento, on the one hand, and Newark, Tracy and Crockett, on the other hand, at rates and charges no lower in volume or effect than, and subject to the conditions, set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. The authority hereinabove granted shall expire one year after the effective date of this order unless sooner canceled, changed, or extended by order of the Commission.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of SEPTEMBER, 1963.

William L. Beards
President
Carl S. Fittell
Walter W. Page
George L. Trover
Friedrich B. Heloloff
Commissioners

APPENDIX A

Rates are in cents per 100 pounds

ITEM 1. COMMODITIES: Common SALT and/or refined SUGAR, in shipper owned bins of not less than 60 cubic feet capacity.

BETWEEN : Campbell Soup Company plant, Sacramento, on the one hand,

AND : Newark, Tracy and Crockett, California on the other hand.

RATE : 25

MINIMUM : 45,000 pounds per shipment. Rate applies to the combined weight of the commodity and bins. The weight of the bins must be shown separately on the bill of lading and may not be used to make up the minimum weight of the shipment.

ITEM 2. COMMODITIES: Used empty BINS, not nested, for return paying load of commodities in Item 1.

FROM : Campbell Soup Company plant, Sacramento

TO :

	<u>Rate</u>
Newark	65
Crockett	56
Tracy	56

MINIMUM : 2,000 pounds per shipment

ITEM 3. LOADING AND UNLOADING CARRIER'S EQUIPMENT:
The loading and unloading of carrier's equipment will be performed by the shipper's lift trucks. One hour free time will be allowed for loading and one hour free time will be allowed for unloading bins commencing from the time carrier's equipment is placed at the designated loading or unloading place. Delay in excess of free time will be charged for as provided in Item 145 Series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.

ITEM 4. All other provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 are to apply.