

Decision No. 66290

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SPECIAL SERVICE	)	
TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION LTD.	)	
for authority to depart from the	)	
rates, rules and regulations of	)	Application No. 45724
Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 under	)	(Filed August 30, 1963)
the provisions of Section 3666	)	
of the Public Utilities Code.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant operates as a permitted carrier and as a certificated carrier. By Decision No. 64478 dated October 30, 1962, in Application No. 44704, it was authorized as a highway contract carrier to transport groceries, sugar and other articles for Certified Grocers of California under specified conditions at rates that are less than the established minimum rates. The authority is scheduled to expire with November 20, 1963. By this application, applicant seeks to continue the minimum rate deviation beyond the current expiration date.

Applicant alleges that the favorable transportation conditions upon which the rate deviation was based continue to prevail; the shipper has requested that the present deviation be continued, and applicant's experience over the past two years has proved the rates assessed to be fully compensatory. The application avers that the extension of the deviation herein sought provides the shipper with a valuable and necessary service and makes a valuable contribution to applicant's over-all revenue while allowing extraordinarily efficient utilization of equipment.

Applicant states that a copy of the application was served on California Trucking Association on or about August 29, 1963. No objection to its being granted has been received.

The rate deviation authority herein in issue involves a differential of 12 cents per 100 pounds from the corresponding rates in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 (subject to a maximum differential of 25 percent) and a differential of 8 cents per 100 pounds from the corresponding commodity rate on sugar from Crockett to San Fernando and the Los Angeles area. The rates set forth in Appendix A hereof reflect the foregoing differential from the current rates in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. In other particulars, said Appendix A corresponds to the decision appendix in which were set forth the original rate deviations granted to this applicant after public hearings in 1961, as amended by supplemental order of the Commission.<sup>1</sup>

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the rates specifically set forth in Appendix A hereof are reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The following order will authorize applicant to assess these rates. However, as the conditions surrounding the transportation may change, the 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 on November 20, 1963.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Special Service Transportation Corporation, Ltd., is hereby authorized, as a highway contract carrier, to transport groceries, sugar and other articles for Certified Grocers of California at rates less than the applicable minimum rates but not

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Decision No. 62752 dated October 31, 1961, as amended by Decision No. 62869 dated November 29, 1961, in Application No. 43544.

less than those set forth in and subject to the conditions shown in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. The authority granted herein shall, on and after November 20, 1963, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 64478 and shall expire with November 20, 1964.

The effective date of this order shall be November 20, 1963.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of November, 1963.

William A. Brundage  
President  
John E. Hartshill  
Everett B. Page  
George A. Grover  
Fredrick P. Hallock  
Commissioners

Schedule of Minimum Rates, Including Limitations and Conditions  
Applicable to the Transportation of Property for  
CERTIFIED GROCERS OF CALIFORNIA by:  
SPECIAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION, LTD.

SECTION 1.

Item 1. Application of Rates - General

To the extent that Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 prescribes minimum rates for the transportation of property, said minimum rates, rules and regulations are applicable to all shipments except as specifically provided in Section 2. See Exception.

Exception: The provisions of Items Nos. 200 to 230, inclusive, of said tariff will not apply in connection with the rates herein.

SECTION 2.

Item 2. Application of Rates - Commodities

- a. Rates in Item 4 apply to such articles as are regularly sold or offered for sale in retail or wholesale grocery establishments.
- b. Rates in Item 5 apply on sugar.

Item 3. Application of Rates - Limitations and Conditions

The rates in this section are subject to the performance of the following services and the adherence to the following conditions:

- a. The shipper or consignee, Certified Grocers of California, will provide motive power and driver to disconnect the connected sets of carrier's inbound or outbound trailers and spot said trailers at the shipping or receiving docks. Shipper or consignee will furnish necessary labor to load or unload carrier's trailers and provide motive power and driver to pull the loaded or unloaded trailers away from shipping or receiving docks and connect them together.
- b. Shipping documents must bear the notation "Shippers Load and Count".

- c. Carrier shall be absolved from liability and shall not accept liability for loss, damage, nonreceipt, or misdescription of the goods, other than that where the collision or overturning of the vehicle is the proximate cause thereof, provided the vehicle is received at destination with seals intact.
- d. When the unit of equipment is filled to full visible or weight capacity, subject to a minimum load of 30,000 pounds (groceries) or 44,000 pounds (sugar), it shall be considered as one shipment.
- e. Shipper shall be required to load the equipment as to comply with the State of California Vehicle Code.
- f. Shipper shall load split delivery shipments in inverse order for the carrier's convenience in making such deliveries.
- g. Rates shall apply only on the condition that for each haul of groceries northbound from San Fernando there shall be a haul of sugar southbound from Crockett to San Fernando or Los Angeles in the same equipment.

Item 4. Class Rates (In Cents Per 100 Pounds). <sup>1/</sup>

Property as described in Item 2(a)

From: 13571 Vaughn St., San Fernando, California

To: Retail grocery stores in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

MILES OVER	BUT NOT OVER	MINIMUM WEIGHT 30,000 POUNDS <sup>2/</sup>				
		1	2	3	4	5
140	150	68	60	51	43	35
150	160	71	62	54	45	36
160	170	73	65	56	47	38
170	180	76	67	58	49	39
180	190	78	69	60	50	41
190	200	81	72	62	52	42
200	220	83	74	64	54	43
220	240	86	76	67	56	45
240	260	89	79	69	58	47
260	280	93	83	72	61	49

<sup>1/</sup> Subject to all increases and surcharges prescribed in supplements to Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.

<sup>2/</sup> Subject to a minimum weekly aggregate tonnage of 300,000 pounds.

Item 5. Commodity: Sugar

From: California and Hawaiian Sugar Co., Crockett, California

To: 13571 Vaughn St., San Fernando, California

2601 So. Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, California

<u>Rate</u> <u>(In Cents Per 100 Pounds)</u>	<u>Minimum Weight</u> <u>(In Pounds)</u>
(1)44	(2)44,000

- (1) Subject to all increases and surcharges prescribed in supplements to Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.
- (2) Subject to a minimum weekly aggregate tonnage of 300,000 pounds.

(End of Appendix A)