

Decision No. 66349

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of POST TRANSPORTATION)	
COMPANY, a corporation, to depart)	
from the provisions of Minimum Rate)	
Tariff No. 2 of the Public Utilities)	Application No. 45809
Commission.)	(Filed September 25, 1963)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. By Decision No. 64603 dated December 4, 1962, in Application No. 44737, it was authorized to transport common salt, in bulk, in dump truck equipment, from Pier A, Long Beach, to the plant of Stauffer Chemical Company at Dominguez, at a rate less than the established minimum rate but not less than 3-3/4 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 50,000 pounds per truckload. The authority is scheduled to expire December 1, 1963. By this application, an extension of the current authority is sought for a further one-year period.

Applicant states that there have been no changes in expenses since the date of Decision No. 64603, supra, that would change the testimony or the exhibits which were submitted to the Commission at the time of the hearing in October, 1962. The application shows that the shipper is satisfied with the present arrangement. Applicant alleges that the operation has been profitable at the rate of 3-3/4 cents per 100 pounds; and that cost studies prepared by applicant indicate that an operating ratio of 77.48 is being achieved.

The verified application shows that a copy thereof was served upon the shipper, upon California Trucking Association, and upon other known interested parties. No objection to its being granted has been received.

The rate herein in issue was found by the Commission to be reasonable upon the basis of evidence received at a public hearing on October 25, 1962. The evidence showed that the operation herein involved is an unusually efficient one. While the transportation takes place during normal working hours, applicant may, if it desires, load at Long Beach and unload at Stauffer at any time of the day or night. Loading at origin is performed by the consignor with a power loading device capable of loading at a rate of ten tons per minute. At destination the salt is dumped into one of two pits. (Decision No. 64603, supra.)

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds that the proposed rate is reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

In view of the expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective December 1, 1963.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Post Transportation Company, a corporation, is hereby authorized to transport common salt, in bulk, in dump truck equipment for Stauffer Chemical Company from Pier A, Long Beach, to the plant of Stauffer Chemical Company at Dominguez at a rate less than the minimum rate established for such transportation but not less than 3-3/4 cents per 100 pounds, subject to a minimum weight per truckload of 50,000 pounds.

2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after December 1, 1963, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 64603 and shall expire with December 1, 1964.

The effective date of this order shall be December 1, 1963.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of November, 1963.

William B. Bennett
President
John E. North
Robert W. Page
George T. Trover
Fredrick B. Hallock
Commissioners