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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation)
 into the rates, rules, regulations,)
 charges, allowances and practices)
 of all common carriers, highway)
 carriers and city carriers relat-)
 ing to the transportation of any) Case No. 5432
 and all commodities between and) (Petition for Modification
 within all points and places in) No. 319)
 the State of California (includ-) (Filed January 22, 1964)
 ing, but not limited to, trans-)
 portation for which rates are)
 provided in Minimum Rate Tariff)
 No. 2).)

OPINION AND ORDER

Minimum Rate Tariff No. 14 names minimum rates, rules and regulations for the transportation of hay, fodder and straw, in machine pressed bales. By this petition the California Farm Bureau Federation seeks the addition of a new item to the tariff to provide a rate of 10 cents per 100 pounds for the local delivery service of shipments for distances not to exceed 15 constructive miles.

Petitioner alleges that the present rates do not adequately reflect the true costs to the carriers performing the type of transportation service involved herein. Petitioner states that the carriers are using small specialized equipment valued at less than \$1,000 for field pick up and short hauls. Assertedly the present rates are excessive and discriminatory for such short haul traffic, and the proposed rate will return carrier costs, provide a reasonable profit, and insure continued use of for-hire carriers.

Petitioner has discussed this situation with members of the Hay, Grain and Feed Dealers Association, San Joaquin County Hay Growers Association, Tulare County Growers and Receivers and

California Trucking Association and states that the proposed revision is not only desired by both carriers and shippers, but would be to their mutual interests. Petitioner asserts that immediate changes should be made in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 14 to eliminate the unjust and discriminatory rates that are presently being assessed for the local delivery type of service. It asks that the proposed tariff change be expedited to accommodate growers, receivers and carriers of hay for the rapidly approaching season. Ex parte action is requested.

Copies of the verified petition were mailed to California Trucking Association, Edward L. Kyte Company, California Hay, Grain and Feed Dealers Association and San Joaquin Valley Hay Growers Association on or about January 22, 1964. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that petitioner's proposal is reasonable and that the resulting minimum rates and charges will be just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory minimum rates and charges for the transportation involved. A public hearing is not necessary. The petition will be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Minimum Rate Tariff No. 14 (Appendix B of Decision No. 64580, as amended) is further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective March 21, 1964, Third Revised Page 2 and Original Page 19-A, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made by common carriers as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than the tenth day after the effective date of this order, and may be made effective on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public if filed not later than sixty days after the effective date of the minimum rate tariff pages incorporated in this order.

3. In all other respects said Decision No. 64580, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of February, 1964.

President

Charles W. Page

George H. Grover

Frederick B. Holhoff

Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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SECTION NO. 3 - DISTANCE COMMODITY RATES (In Cents Per 100 Pounds)			Item No.
<u>LOCAL DELIVERY SERVICE</u>			
<p>Rates in this item apply only for local delivery service of hay, fodder and straw in machine pressed bales, when distance between point of origin and point of destination of the shipment does not exceed 15 constructive miles. Rates provided by this item may not be used in combination with any other rates.</p>			
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>20,000 Pounds or less (See Note)</u>	
Point of growth or storage	Point of storage or Point of use in Animal Husbandry	10	*310
NOTE:-Minimum charge per shipment \$5.00			
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