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Decision No. 66934

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of FRED V. YOUNG, doing business as FERRO BROTHLEC TRUCKING COMPANY, for authority to continue to depart from the rates, rules and regulations of Linimum Rate Tariff No. 2 under the provisions of Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code, for FRESNO CONSUMERS ICE CO.

Application No. 46164 (Filed January 29, 1964)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common and highway contract carrier permits. By Decision No. 65165 dated April 2, 1963, in Application No. 45199, he was authorized as a highway contract carrier to charge rates which are less than the minimum rates otherwise applicable for the transportation of shipments of ice for Fresho Consumers Ice Co., from Stockton and Fresho to the field station of California Packing Corporation at Fancher Ranch. The authorized rates are 20 cents per 100 pounds from Stockton and 18 cents per 100 pounds from Fresho. Both rates are based on a minimum weight of 42,000 pounds. The authority is scheduled to expire with April 1, 1964.

Applicant herein seeks authority to continue the current authorization for a period of one year.

The present rates were first authorized by Decision No. 63920 following a public hearing hold on May 24, 1962. The record developed at that time established the facts, as recited in the decision, that for approximately two months each year, usually commencing on or about July 10, California Packing Corporation collects fruit at the field station, hydro-cools it and ships it.

Fancher Ranch is located on Yosemite Highway approximately six miles east of Merced.

Fresho Consumers Ice Co. has been selling ice to California Packing Corporation for the hydro-cooling process and applicant has transported the ice for Fresho Consumers Ice Co. In the operation applicant uses five trailers and eight 40-foot, insulated, van-type semitrailers. The interiors of the trailers are modified so that 140 blocks of ice, each weighing 300 pounds, can be loaded and blocked into place without delay. During the season the equipment is not used in any other service except the one involved herein.

By his present application, applicant alleges that no material changes have occurred and that previous allegations concerning the operations herein involved are equally applicable today. He states that based upon his experience in performing the transportation service authorized by Decision No. 65165, the authorized rates are adequate and enable him to derive therefrom the cost of performing the service, together with reasonable profit. He states that he operated at a profit during the past year under the authorized rates and that the operations will also be profitable if the current authority is extended. The application states that the transportation service at the authorized rates is important to the shipper, receiver and carrier.

The verified application shows that a copy thereof was served on the California Trucking Association on or about January 28, 1964. 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 for the transportation service involved. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Commissioners

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

Commissioner Frederick B. Holoboff, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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