

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 69217

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
)
 WALKUP'S MERCHANTS EXPRESS (formerly)
 WALKUP DRAYAGE AND WAREHOUSE COMPANY))
)
 for an order granting permission to)
 charge less than minimum rates for)
 the transportation of green coffee)
 for Hills Bros. Coffee, Inc., in the)
 City and County of San Francisco.)

Application No. 47538
(Filed April 30, 1965)

OPINION AND ORDER

Walkup's Merchants Express (formerly Walkup Drayage and Warehouse Company) holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. By Decision No. 67366 dated June 10, 1964, in Application No. 46648, applicant's predecessor was authorized to charge a rate less than the established minimum rate for the transportation of green coffee for Hills Bros. Coffee, Inc., from piers on the San Francisco waterfront to the coffee company's plant in San Francisco. The authorized rate is 12½ cents per 100 pounds subject to a minimum weight of 1,000 tons per calendar month, the monthly tonnage averaged over twelve calendar months. The current authority is scheduled to expire with June 20, 1965. By this application, applicant seeks authority to continue the present deviation from the established minimum rate for a further one-year period.

According to the application, there has been no change in the circumstances requiring this special rate for the transportation involved. Applicant states that the volume of traffic and the traffic flow are substantially above the minimum requirements applicable to

the existing authority. It further states that the shipper is currently engaged in some construction work at its plant which will facilitate applicant's unloading procedures.

Applicant asserts that it has experienced certain increases in labor costs and in the cost of fuel. However, based upon its experience under this authority, applicant alleges that the currently authorized rate is reasonably compensatory and will continue to be so for the forthcoming year.

Revenue and expense data submitted with the application indicate that the transportation involved has been profitable and reasonably may be expected to be profitable in the future.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was mailed to Draymen's Association of San Francisco and California Trucking Association. No objection to the granting of this application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable and consistent with the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary. The application should be granted. In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective June 20, 1965.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Walkup's Merchants Express is hereby authorized to transport green coffee for Hills Bros. Coffee, Inc., from piers on the San Francisco waterfront to the coffee company's plant in San Francisco at a rate less than the minimum rate established for such transportation but not less than 12½ cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 1,000 tons

per calendar month, the monthly tonnage to be averaged over twelve calendar months commencing with the month in which the property is first transported.

2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after June 20, 1965, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 67366, and shall expire with June 20, 1966.

The effective date of this order shall be June 20, 1965.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of June, 1965.

Frederick B. Holcomb
President
John E. Mitchell
George H. Brown
Augusta
William L. Brown
Commissioners