

Decision No. 69378

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of SIGNAL TRUCKING SERVICE, LTD.,)
a corporation, for authority to)
depart from the rates, rules and)
regulations of Minimum Rate Tariff)
No. 15, under the provisions of)
the Highway Carriers' Act and of)
the City Carriers' Act.)

Application No. 47554
(Filed May 6, 1965)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant operates as a radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier.¹ By Decision No. 64939, dated February 13, 1963, in Application No. 45048, and prior decisions, it was authorized to observe monthly and hourly vehicle unit rates in lieu of the minimum rates in cents per 100 pounds otherwise applicable for the transportation of aluminum, plastic and iron and steel articles for Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc. (Ryerson). The transportation involved movements between the shipper's Los Angeles plant and points in Los Angeles, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura Counties.

¹ Applicant also operates as a certificated highway common carrier for the transportation of general commodities between Los Angeles and the steamship wharves and docks at Los Angeles Harbor; for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in tank truck equipment between various points; and for the transportation of motor vehicles between various points.

Subsequently, the Commission established Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15, effective May 1, 1963, naming statewide minimum yearly, monthly and weekly vehicle unit rates, rules and regulations for the transportation of property within California.² With the issuance of Tariff No. 15, there was no longer any necessity for applicant to seek an extension of the above authority, which consequently was permitted to expire with February 28, 1964.

By this application, applicant seeks relief, as a city carrier and highway permit carrier, from observing the provisions of paragraph (c) of Item No. 50 of Tariff No. 15 which limit transportation performed thereunder (except weekly vehicle unit rates) to movements within a radius of 125 air miles from the base of operations designated in the written agreement. The base of operations involved herein is 4310 Bandini Boulevard, Los Angeles, and, while the present 125-mile limitation is generally satisfactory to both applicant and the shipper, various customers of the latter are located moderate distances outside the 125-mile area limitation, but within the seven counties involved. To eliminate the problems which have arisen because of this service limitation, applicant seeks authority to provide vehicle unit service for Ryerson to any point in the seven-county area specified. According to applicant, this is the exact area in which it was formerly authorized to serve Ryerson under Decision No. 64939, supra, and prior decisions, at the monthly and hourly vehicle unit rates set forth therein.

² See Decision No. 65072 dated March 12, 1963, in Case No. 5432 et al. (Order Setting Hearing dated April 24, 1962, as amended June 12, 1962).

Applicant alleges that it will be fully compensated for any additional expense it may incur in performing transportation services to points beyond the 125-mile area inasmuch as the rates in Tariff No. 15 for the miles operated and the premium pay hours or excessive hours required will apply to the service involved. Applicant avers that it has enjoyed the business received from Ryerson for many years past and is anxious to continue to provide the type of service which is consistent with that shipper's needs.

Revenue and expense data submitted by applicant 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 California Trucking Association on May 5, 1965. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that applicant's proposal is reasonable and consistent with the public interest for the transportation involved. A public hearing is not necessary. The application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., is hereby authorized to transport property as a city carrier, highway contract carrier and radial highway common carrier, for Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc., between that shipper's Los Angeles plant and points in Los Angeles, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura Counties, subject to the minimum yearly, monthly and weekly vehicle unit rates, rules and regulations of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15 without observing the territorial limitation contained in paragraph (c) of Item No. 50 of that tariff.

2. The authority granted herein shall expire one year after the effective date of this order unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of July, 1965.

Fredrick B. Holcliff
President
John E. Ditchell
George L. Hoover
W. J. Gordon
William W. Bennett
Commissioners