Decision No. 69626

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Consolidated Freightways)
Corporation of Delaware, a corporation,)
for authority to depart from rates,
rules and regulations of Minimum Rate)
Tariff No. 15 under the provisions of)
Section 3666 of the Public Utilities)
Code.

Application No. 47742 (Filed July 14, 1965)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. By Decision No. 67564 dated July 21, 1964, in Application No. 46732, it was authorized to assess charges based upon the vehicle unit rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15 for the transportation of certain commodities for United States Steel Supply Company throughout a broader area than is provided by that tariff. The authority is scheduled to expire with September 12, 1965. By this application, authority is sought to continue the same minimum rate deviation beyond the current expiration date.

Applicant states that the conditions surrounding the transportation in question which justified deviation from the minimum rates generally still obtain and the shipper has requested that the present deviation be continued. Applicant asserts that its experience over the past years has proved the rates assessed under said deviation to be fully compensatory. 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.

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It also holds certificates to operate as a highway common carrierand.

as a petroleum irregular route carrier between points not involved
in this proceeding.

Under Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15, the vehicle unit rates are restricted to a radius of 125 air miles from the base of operations. The service involved in the instant application is between Vernon and points within various southern California counties as hereinafter specified.

The rate deviation herein involved consists only of the application, throughout a broader area, of vehicle unit rates which the Commission has established as minimum for service performed within a radius of 125 air miles from the base of operations. Applicant and its predecessor have been authorized to maintain essentially the same form of rate deviation throughout the same area for approximately 16 years. According to the application, continuation of the current authority would provide the shipper with a valuable and necessary service and make a valuable contribution to applicant's overall revenue while allowing for more efficient utilization of its equipment.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was mailed to California Trucking Association on July 12,1965. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 16, 1965. 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 and consistent with the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary. The application should be granted. Because the transportation conditions under which the service is performed may change, the authority will be granted for a period of one year to expire with September 12, 1966.

In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective on the date hereof.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Consolidated Freightways Corporation of Delaware, a corporation, is hereby authorized to transport, for United States Steel Supply Company, aluminum, iron or steel articles, viz.:

bars, plates, sheets, strips, structural shapes, tubing, iron or steel wire and wire rope, aluminum roofing accessories, hardware and machinery, at rates and charges no lower than those set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15, between United States Steel Supply Company's warehouse located at 2087 East Slauson Avenue in the City of Vernon and points within the Counties of Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura.

2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after September 12, 1965, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 67564 and shall expire with September 12, 1966.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3 day of August, 1965.

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Commissioners

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