

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 69941

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
WALKUP'S MERCHANTS EXPRESS, a cor- )  
poration, for authorization to )  
transport for compensation or hire )  
over the public highways in the )  
City and County of San Francisco, )  
certain commodities listed in the )  
application. )

Application No. 47953  
(Filed October 6, 1965)  
(Amended October 14, 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. 68181 dated November 2, 1964, in Application No. 46942, as amended, applicant's predecessor was authorized to transport newsprint paper, in rolls, within San Francisco at rates lower than the established minimum rates for Crown Zellerbach Corporation and Powell River-Alberni Sales Corporation and seven newspaper publishers.<sup>1</sup> The currently authorized rates are 10½ and 13 cents per 100 pounds, subject to minima of 25,000 and 6,000 tons per calendar year, respectively. The authority also permits departure from the minimum rate provisions governing tailgate loading and tailgate unloading. The current authority is scheduled to expire with November 27, 1965.

By this application, as amended, applicant seeks to assess the same less-than-minimum rates as have been heretofore authorized.

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<sup>1</sup>The minimum rates for transportation of property within San Francisco are contained in City Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A. The newspaper publishers are: Hearst Publications, Inc., San Francisco Chronicle, The Wall Street Journal, The San Francisco Shopping News Co., Henry F. Budde Publications, Inc., The Garrett Press and Pacific School and Office Supply, Inc.

for its predecessor, with certain modifications, for a one-year period. It proposes to make deliveries to six additional newspaper publishers, to establish four additional producers of newsprint as shippers and to increase the present tonnage requirement for deliveries to certain publishers from 6,000 tons to 9,000 tons per calendar year.<sup>2</sup>

Applicant alleges that the facts and circumstances which justified the departure from the minimum rates as now authorized remain unchanged except that the volume of traffic involved is substantially above the minimum tonnage requirements applicable to the existing authority. It is averred that these same facts and circumstances also justify the application of the authorized rates to the transportation service proposed for the additional producers and publishers named herein. Applicant asserts that the inclusion in the sought rate authority of the aforementioned additional producers and publishers is necessary to meet the delivery requirements of its customers.

Revenue and expense data submitted by applicant indicate that the transportation involved has been profitable and reasonably may be expected to be profitable for the ensuing year.

The certificate of service shows that copies of the verified application and the amendment thereto were mailed to California Trucking Association and Draymen's Association of San Francisco, Inc., on October 6 and 14, 1965, respectively. The application and the amendment were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 7 and 15, 1965, respectively. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

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<sup>2</sup>The additional publishers are Color Offset Press, L'Italia, Nichi Bei Times, Recorder Printing & Publishing Co., Waller Press and Stark-Rath Printing Co. The additional producers are British Columbia Forest Products, Ltd., West Tacoma Newsprint Company, Publishers Paper Company and Madden Corporation.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that applicant's proposal is reasonable and consistent with the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application, as amended, should be granted. In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective on November 27, 1965.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Walkup's Merchants Express is hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of City Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A applicable to the transportation of newsprint paper, in rolls, to the extent specifically provided in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. The authority granted herein shall, on and after November 27, 1965, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 68181 and shall expire with November 27, 1966.

This order shall become effective November 27, 1965.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1965.

Frederick B. Haloboff  
President  
George J. Brown  
William B. Brown  
Commissioners

APPENDIX A TO DECISION NO. 69941

WALKUP'S MERCHANTS EXPRESS  
(Within San Francisco)

Item 1

Newsprint Paper, in rolls, transported for Crown Zellerbach Corporation, Powell River-Alberni Sales Corporation, British Columbia Forest Products, Ltd., West Tacoma Newsprint Company and Publishers Paper Company to the Hearst Publications, Inc., in aggregate quantities of not less than 25,000 tons per calendar year; and any such newsprint paper, in rolls, transported from storage for Hearst Publications, Inc., after having had a prior haul for any of said shippers.

(1) \$.10-1/2 per 100 pounds.

Item 2

Newsprint Paper, in rolls, transported for Crown Zellerbach Corporation, Powell River-Alberni Sales Corporation, British Columbia Forest Products, Ltd., West Tacoma Newsprint Company and Publishers Paper Company to the San Francisco Chronicle, in aggregate quantities of not less than 25,000 tons per calendar year; and any such newsprint paper, in rolls, transported from storage for the San Francisco Chronicle after having had a prior haul for any of said shippers.

(1) \$.10-1/2 per 100 pounds.

Item 3

Newsprint Paper, in rolls, transported for Crown Zellerbach Corporation, Powell River-Alberni Sales Corporation and Madden Corporation, in aggregate quantities of not less than 9,000 tons per calendar year to any of the following: The Wall Street Journal, The San Francisco Shopping News Co., Henry F. Budde Publications, Inc., The Garrett Press, Pacific School and Office Supply, Inc., Color Offset Press, L'Italia, Nichi Bei Times, Recorder Printing & Publishing Co., Waller Press and Stark-Rath Printing Co.; and any of such newsprint paper, in rolls, transported from storage for any of the aforementioned publishers after having had a prior haul for Crown Zellerbach Corporation, Powell River-Alberni Sales Corporation or Madden Corporation.

(1) \$.13 per 100 pounds.

Except as otherwise provided herein, rates and charges named in this Appendix are subject to the rules and regulations provided in City Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A (Appendix "A" of Decision No. 41363, as amended, in Case No. 4084).

- (1) Not subject to the provisions of Item No. 60 of said City Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A with respect to tailgate loading and tailgate unloading.

(END OF APPENDIX A)