

Decision No. 70506

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of FRUITVALE DRAYAGE, INC., a)
California corporation, for authority)
to deviate from the minimum rates)
authorized by Minimum Rate Tariff)
No. 8.)

Application No. 48298
(Filed March 10, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. By Decision No. 68826 dated March 30, 1965, in Application No. 47336, it was authorized to assess monthly vehicle unit rates for the transportation of nuts in the shell, fresh mushrooms and fruits and vegetables (not cold pack nor frozen) for Louis Stores between the shipper's warehouse in Emeryville and its retail stores, and between such retail stores. The current authority is scheduled to expire with March 31, 1966. By this application, authority is sought to continue to deviate from the established minimum rates and charges otherwise applicable for a further one-year period.

According to the application, applicant and its predecessor have, for many years past, been engaged exclusively in the transportation of groceries and related items for Louis Stores. Applicant alleges that the conditions surrounding the transportation involved as set forth in its prior applications are the same now as they were at the time of the prior filings and warrant the granting of the authority requested herein.

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 application shows that a copy thereof was mailed to California Trucking Association. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 11, 1966. No objection to its being granted 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 Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective March 31, 1966.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Fruitvale Drayage, Inc., a corporation, is hereby authorized to transport nuts, in the shell, fresh mushrooms and fruits and vegetables (not cold pack nor frozen) for Louis Stores at monthly vehicle unit rates and charges no lower than those set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15 between the shipper's warehouse in Emeryville and its retail stores, and between its retail stores.
2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after March 31, 1966, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 68826 and shall expire with March 31, 1967.

The effective date of this order shall be March 31, 1966.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of March, 1966.

Friedrich B. Halbach

President

George H. Glover

Secretary

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Commissioner

William G. Bennett

Commissioners