

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 70688

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Donald H. Shields, a)
contract permit carrier, for author-)
ity to extend his rate authority as)
granted by Decision No. 63604, dated)
April 24, 1962 Decision No. 65343,)
dated May 7, 1963, Decision No.)
67160, dated April 28, 1964, and)
Decision No. 69010, dated May 4,)
1965.)

Application No. 48341
(Filed March 25, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

Donald H. Shields holds a highway contract carrier permit. By Decision No. 69010, dated May 4, 1965, in Application No. 47416, he was authorized to transport crushed gypsum rock in dump truck equipment from a quarry located 5 miles east of Ventucopa to rail-head destination at Pentland for Monolith Portland Cement Company at less than the established minimum rates but not less than the interplant rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 7 for like transportation within Northern Territory.¹ The current authority is scheduled to expire with May 14, 1966. By this application, he seeks authority to continue the current authorization.

Applicant alleges that for approximately six years past he has performed the transportation in question for the account of, and under a continuing contract with, Monolith Portland Cement Company. The application shows that the transportation service is being performed in the same manner as was described in Decision

¹ The transportation in question originates within Southern Territory and terminates within Northern Territory. Under the provisions of Item No. 120-B of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 7, the higher Southern Territory rates apply to the interterritorial movement involved.

No. 69010, supra. Applicant states that his operations have been conducted on a satisfactory basis during the past year and that he utilizes the most modern and efficient equipment for this type of movement.

Revenue and expense data furnished by applicant indicate that the transportation involved has been profitable and reasonably may be expected to be profitable in the future.

A copy of the verified application was mailed to California Trucking Association and California Dump Truck Owners Association on or about March 23, 1966. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 28, 1966. No objection to the granting of the application has been received. The shipper, Monolith Portland Cement Company, has informed the Commission by letter that it supports the extension of the authority herein involved.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted. However, as the conditions surrounding the transportation may change, the authority will be made to expire at the end of one additional year, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective May 14, 1966.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Donald H. Shields is hereby authorized to transport crushed gypsum rock in dump truck equipment, in loads of 23 tons or more per unit of equipment used, for Monolith Portland Cement Company from said company's quarry located in Quatal Canyon at a point about 5 miles east of Ventucopa to railhead destination at

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Pentland, at less than the established minimum rates but not less than those named in Item No. 148 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 7 which apply at time of shipment for like transportation from a commercial producing plant in Northern Territory to a railhead.

2. The authority granted herein shall, on and after May 14, 1966, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 69010 and shall expire with May 14, 1967.

This order shall become effective May 14, 1966.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of May, 1966.

Frederick B. Hallock
President

George T. Thayer

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William W. Bell
Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.