

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 70766

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation)
into the rates, rules, regulations,)
charges, allowances and practices)
of all common carriers, highway)
carriers and city carriers relating)
to the transportation of any and all)
commodities between and within all)
points and places in the State of)
California, (including, but not)
limited to, transportation for)
which rates are provided in Mini-)
mum Rate Tariff No. 2).)

Case No. 5432
(Petition for Modification
No. 412)
(Filed March 15, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

Morris Draying Company, a corporation (Morris), and Coast Drayage, a corporation (Coast), are authorized to operate as highway common carriers for the transportation of general commodities between various points in California.¹ By this petition, they seek authority to publish, on ten days' notice, truckload rates for the transportation of baby food, cereals, bakery goods and clothing for Gerber Products Company (Gerber) from Oakland to Richmond, San Leandro, Union City, San Francisco and Burlingame.² Authority is also sought to depart from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code in connection with the publication of the proposed rates.

¹ Petitioners are also authorized to operate as radial highway common carriers, highway contract carriers and city carriers under other operating authorities issued by this Commission not involved herein.

² The rates are to be published in Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 8-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1, of Leland C. Smith, Agent.

Petitioners aver that Gerber is establishing a shipping data processing center at its principal office at Fremont, Michigan, and that, under the centralized computer system, it is essential that the rating of commodities being shipped be simplified. Petitioners state that the proposal herein would provide truckload rates for all commodities shipped by Gerber from its Oakland plant and that similar rating procedures have been established for movements from Gerber's plants in Michigan and New York. Petitioners further state that rates for all commodities are currently published by an interstate carrier for traffic moving from Gerber's Oakland plant to points in the State of Nevada and that it is expected that uniform ratings will be established throughout a substantial part of the United States.

Petitioners allege that they transport substantially all of Gerber's truckload traffic from Oakland to distribution warehouses at the destinations herein involved. They further allege that the proposed simplification of rates and the centralized data processing would be advantageous to them and would enable the shipper to process shipping documents, rate shipments, trace traffic and pay transportation charges more expeditiously and economically.

Attached to the petition is an exhibit showing a summary of the present and proposed rates for truckload shipments transported by the petitioners during the months of August, September and October, 1965. This study reveals that, for every shipment included therein, the carriers would have received more revenues under the proposed truckload rates than under the existing rates.

Copies of the petition were mailed to California Trucking Association and to Gerber Products Company on or about March 14, 1966.

The petition was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 16, 1966. No objection to the granting of the petition has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable and justified by transportation conditions. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the petition should be granted. Because the conditions surrounding this transportation may change, the authorities will be made to expire one year after the effective date of this order, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended by order of the Commission.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Morris Draying Company, a corporation, and Coast Drayage, a corporation, are hereby authorized to publish and file, to expire with June 13, 1967, rates for the transportation of baby food and other articles set forth in, and subject to the conditions specified in, Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
3. Morris Draying Company and Coast Drayage Corporation are hereby authorized to depart from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to exercise the authorities granted herein. Schedules containing the rates published under these authorities shall make reference to this order.

4. The authorities granted herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of May, 1966.

Frederick B. Holliday
President
George A. Hoover
Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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APPENDIX A TO DECISION NO. 70766

APPLICATION OF RATES

By: Coast Drayage
and
Morris Draying Company

<u>Commodities</u>	<u>As described in Items of National Motor Freight Classification A-8</u>
Food, baby	73160
Cereals	42360
Bakery Goods	21180
Clothing	49880

Rate in cents per 100 pounds (subject to Note 1)

<u>From Oakland to:</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Burlingame	24
Richmond	22
San Francisco	24
San Leandro	18.5
Union City	21

Minimum Weight: 45,000 Pounds per shipment.

Note 1: Rates are subject to the restriction that not less than 85 percent of the total weight of each shipment must consist of baby food as described in Item 73160 of the National Motor Freight Classification A-8.

(End of Appendix A)