

Decision No. 71007

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of SIGNAL TRUCKING SERVICE, LTD.,)
a corporation, for authority to)
depart from the rates, rules and)
regulations of Minimum Rate Tariff)
No. 15, under the provisions of)
the Highway Carriers' Act and of)
the City Carriers' Act.)

Application No. 48535
(Filed June 6, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant operates as a radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier.¹ By Decision No. 69378, dated July 7, 1965, in Application No. 47554, it was authorized to observe monthly and hourly vehicle unit rates in lieu of the minimum rates in cents per 100 pounds otherwise applicable for the transportation of aluminum, plastic and iron and steel articles for Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc. (Ryerson). The transportation involved movements between the shipper's Los Angeles plant and points in Los Angeles, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura Counties. The authority is scheduled to expire with July 27, 1966.

By this application, applicant seeks, as a city carrier and highway permit carrier, to continue to deviate from the provisions of paragraph (c) of Item No. 50 of Tariff No. 15 which limit transportation performed thereunder (except weekly vehicle unit rates) to

¹ Applicant also operates as a certificated highway common carrier for the transportation of general commodities between Los Angeles and the steamship wharves and docks at Los Angeles Harbor; for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in tank truck equipment between various points; and for the transportation of motor vehicles between various points.

movements within a radius of 125 air miles from the base of operations designated in the written agreement. The base of operations involved herein is 4310 Bandini Boulevard, Los Angeles, and, while the present 125-mile limitation is generally satisfactory to both applicant and the shipper, various customers of the latter are located moderate distances outside the 125-mile area limitation, but within the seven counties involved. To eliminate the problems which have arisen because of this service limitation, applicant seeks authority to provide vehicle unit service for Ryerson to any point in the seven-county area specified.

Applicant states that the authority sought by it pertains only to territorial limitation and that, in all other respects, it will be governed by the minimum rates, rules and regulations contained in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15. Applicant avers that it has enjoyed the business received from Ryerson for many years past and is anxious to continue to provide the type of service which is consistent with that shipper's needs.

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.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was mailed to California Trucking Association on June 6, 1966. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 8, 1966. 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 Commission concludes that the application should be granted. However, as the conditions under which the service is performed may change at any time, the authority will be made to expire at the end of one year.

In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective July 27, 1966.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Signal Trucking Service, Ltd., is hereby authorized to transport property as a city carrier, highway contract carrier and radial highway common carrier, for Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc., between that shipper's Los Angeles plant and points in Los Angeles, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura Counties, subject to the minimum yearly, monthly and weekly vehicle unit rates, rules and regulations of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 15 without observing the territorial limitation contained in paragraph (c) of Item No. 50 of that tariff.

2. The authority granted herein shall, on and after July 27, 1966, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 69378 and shall expire with July 27, 1967.

This order shall become effective July 27, 1966.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of July, 1966.

President
George J. Hoover

Fredrick B. Halbach

Arthur J. ...

William W. ...
Commissioners

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