

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 72396

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of BLOMQUIST TANK LINES, INC., a)
corporation, for authority to)
charge rates for the transporta-)
tion of asphalt and road oils)
from Martinez to Fremont and to)
Pleasanton less than those pre-)
scribed as minimum in Minimum)
Rate Tariff No. 6-A - Section)
3666.)

Application No. 49228
(Filed March 22, 1967)

OPINION AND ORDER

Blomquist Tank Lines, Inc., a corporation, holds a petroleum contract carrier permit. By Decision No. 70590 dated April 19, 1966, it was authorized to transport liquid asphalt and road oils, in tank truck equipment, from the refinery of Shell Oil Company at Martinez to Pleasanton and Fremont for Industrial Asphalt, Inc., at rates less than the Commission's established minimum rates. The current authority is scheduled to expire June 1, 1967.

By this application, applicant seeks to extend its authority, with certain modifications, for an additional one-year period. Applicant requests that the currently authorized rates be respectively increased from \$2.00 and \$2.40 to \$2.10 and \$2.50 per ton for transportation to Pleasanton and Fremont.¹

¹No authority for the proposed increase in rates is required from this Commission inasmuch as applicant performs the service as a permitted carrier for which only minimum rates have been established.

According to applicant, movements of the above commodities between the points in question have occurred on an average of four days per week and three to nine truckloads have been hauled on such days. Applicant states that it has experienced excellent utilization of its equipment inasmuch as the loading and unloading facilities have been made available to it on a 24-hour-day basis.

Applicant avers that the only increases in costs of any materiality have been driver wage increases and that such increases are reflected in the higher rates herein proposed. Applicant asserts that it is of vital importance to it that the application be granted since the threat of proprietary operations continues to exist.

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 were mailed to California Trucking Association, Shell Oil Company and Industrial Asphalt, Inc., on March 22, 1967. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 23, 1967. 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 for the transportation involved. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

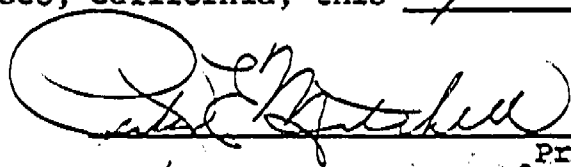
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Blomquist Tank Lines, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to transport liquid asphalt and road oils in tank truck equipment from the refinery of Shell Oil Company at Martinez to Industrial Asphalt, Inc., at Pleasanton and Fremont at rates less than the established minimum rates but not less than \$2.10 per ton to Pleasanton and \$2.50 per ton to Fremont, minimum weight 74 tons per shipment, in three loads per tender, all consigned to either Pleasanton or Fremont.


2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after June 1, 1967, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 70590 and shall expire with June 1, 1968.

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

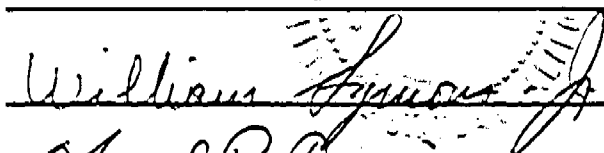
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of May, 1967.



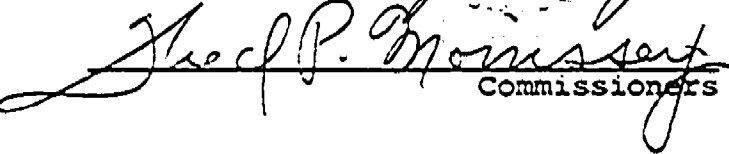
President



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Commissioner A. W. Gatov, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.