

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 72549

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
WALKUP'S MERCHANTS EXPRESS, a)
corporation, for an order granting)
permission to charge less than)
minimum rates for the transportation))
of green coffee for Hills Bros.)
Coffee, Inc., in the City and County))
of San Francisco.)

Application No. 49351
(Filed May 5, 1967)

OPINION AND ORDER

Walkup's Merchants Express, a corporation, holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. By Decision No. 70769 dated May 24, 1966, in Application No. 48432, applicant was authorized to charge a rate less than the established minimum rate for the transportation of green coffee for Hills Bros. Coffee, Inc., from piers on the San Francisco waterfront to the coffee company's plant in San Francisco. The currently authorized rate is 13½ cents per 100 pounds and is subject to a minimum weight of 1,000 tons per calendar month, the monthly tonnage to be averaged over twelve calendar months. The above authority is scheduled to expire with June 30, 1967.

By this application, applicant seeks authority to extend the current rate authority to and including June 30, 1968. Applicant also requests that the less-than-minimum rate now authorized be increased to 14 cents per 100 pounds.¹

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No authority for an increase in the rate now authorized is required inasmuch as applicant performs this transportation as a city carrier for which only minimum rates have been established.

It is alleged that, except for an increase in its labor cost, there has been no change in the circumstances which justify a reduced rate for the transportation involved herein. According to applicant, the volume of the traffic is substantially above the minimum tonnage requirements specified in the existing authority. Applicant asserts that it has experienced an increase in labor cost for the transportation involved herein which requires that the rates now authorized be increased as proposed for the forthcoming year.

Applicant and its predecessor, Walkup Drayage and Warehouse Company, have performed this transportation under prior rate authorities for many years past and applicant desires to maintain its long-standing relationship with the shipper by continuing to provide the same service at the proposed rate.

Revenue and expense data submitted with the application indicate that the transportation involved has been profitable and reasonably may be expected to be profitable in the ensuing year.

The certificate of service shows that copies of the verified application were mailed to Draymen's Association of San Francisco and California Trucking Association on May 4, 1967. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 8, 1967. No objection to the granting of this application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable and consistent with the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.


IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Walkup's Merchants Express, a corporation, is hereby authorized to transport green coffee for Hills Bros. Coffee, Inc., from piers on the San Francisco waterfront to the coffee company's plant in San Francisco at a rate less than the minimum rate established for such transportation but not less than 14 cents per 100 pounds, subject to a minimum weight of 1,000 tons per calendar month, the monthly tonnage to be averaged over twelve calendar months commencing with the month in which the property is first transported.

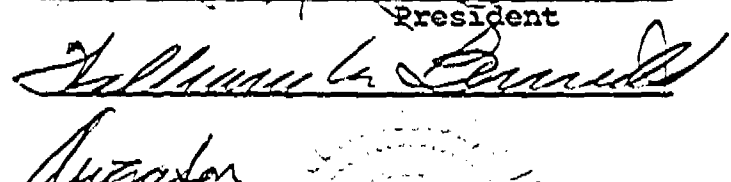
2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after June 30, 1967, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 70769 and shall expire with June 30, 1968.

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

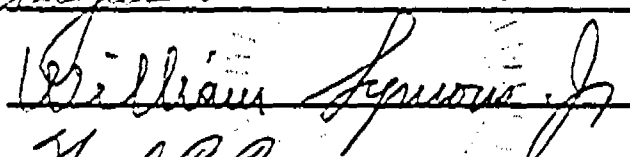
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of June, 1967.



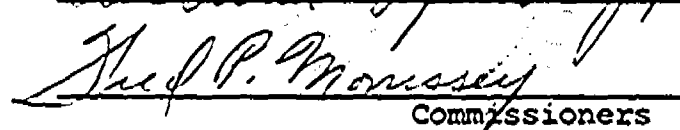
President



Auditor



William Sproun, Jr.



Commissioners