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Decision No. 72872

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation) Case No. 7857
for the purpose of considering and) (Petition for Modification
determining revisions in or reiss-) No. 15)
sues of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 14-A.) (Filed July 3, 1967)

OPINION AND ORDER

Minimum Rate Tariff No. 14-A names minimum rates, rules and regulations for the transportation of agricultural commodities in bulk between points in the State of California. By this petition, California Trucking Association seeks revision of the minimum rates in that tariff by establishing therein an additional scale of distance rates based on a minimum weight of 52,000 pounds for the transportation of bulk shipments of grain, rice and related commodities. The proposal results, generally, in reductions in rates. No increases are involved. Petitioner asks that common carriers be authorized to establish in their respective tariffs such modifications as may be prescribed by the Commission's order in this proceeding, including relief from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code.

Petitioner states that changes in the minimum weight factors for these rates were last made some five years ago and that such minimum weight provisions do not adequately reflect present and future needs of shippers and carriers of grain and related items. Petitioner alleges that technological improvements have been made which permit the transportation of the involved commodities in larger truckload quantities than those currently provided in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 14-A and that the lack of a truckload minimum weight

reasonably related to current carrying capacities deprives carriers of the complete utilization of modern equipment and deprives shippers of lower rates which should flow from the operating economies available through the use of such modern equipment.

Petitioner avers that the changes proposed by it are desired by, and will be in the interest of, both shippers and carriers and that its proposal will result in no increases in rates.

Copies of the petition were mailed to various chambers of commerce, shipper organizations and carrier representatives on or about June 30, 1967. The petition was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 6, 1967. California Farm Bureau Federation has informed the Commission by letter that it supports petitioner's proposal. No objection to the granting of the petition has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that petitioner's proposal is reasonable and that the resulting minimum rates and charges will be just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory minimum rates and charges for the transportation involved. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the petition should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Minimum Rate Tariff No. 14-A (Appendix A to Decision No. 67397, as amended) is hereby further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective November 1, 1967, Fourth Revised Page 2, Fourth Revised Page 31 and Fourth Revised Page 32, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made by common carriers as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than the tenth day after the effective date of this order, and may be made effective on not less than ten days' notice to the

Commission and to the public if filed not later than sixty days after the effective date of the minimum rate tariff pages incorporated in this order.

3. Common carriers, in establishing and maintaining the rates authorized hereinabove, are hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures not maintained under outstanding authorizations; such outstanding authorizations are hereby modified only to the extent necessary to comply with this order; and schedules containing the rates published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

4. In all other respects, Decision No. 67397, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of August, 1967.

President
William G. Bennett

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Commissioners

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

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SECTION NO. 5 - DISTANCE COMMODITY RATES	Item No.						
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMODITY DESCRIPTIONS</p> <p>Grain, Rice and Related Commodities, in bulk or in bins, viz.:</p> <p>Grain, dried, threshed; Corn or Maize (except popcorn); Popcorn, not popped; Sorghum Grains, threshed, or in heads unthreshed; Rice; Screenings, grain, corn, maize, sorghum grains or rice, unground; Beans, castor.</p> <p>(1) Pomace, not fit for human consumption; (2) Seeds, as described under that heading in National Motor Freight Classification A-8 (or revisions thereof), in bulk, or in bins, or in containers with a capacity exceeding 40 cubic feet.</p> <p>(1) Does not include movements to the field for agricultural purposes. (2) Unless otherwise exempt under the provisions of Item No. 40.</p>	500						
<p style="text-align: center;">APPLICATION OF RATES IN ITEM NO. 550 MAKING SPECIFIC REFERENCE HERETO</p> <p>Rates referring to this item are subject to varying minimum weights per shipment, dependent upon the number of units of carrier's equipment used, as shown below, regardless of the weight loaded in each unit of equipment. In no event shall the minimum weight per shipment be less than 48,000 pounds, or actual weight, whichever is greater.</p> <table style="width: 100%; margin-top: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Number of Units of Equipment Used</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Minimum Weight (In Pounds)</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">48,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2 or more</td> <td style="text-align: center;">96,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Number of Units of Equipment Used</u>	<u>Minimum Weight (In Pounds)</u>	1	48,000	2 or more	96,000	510
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2 or more	96,000						

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APPLICATION OF RATES IN ITEM NO. 550 MAKING SPECIFIC
REFERENCE HERETO

- 1 Rates referring to this item apply only on straight shipments of whole grain and rice, as described in List No. 1 of Item No. 515 and List No. 8 of Item No. 530.
- 2 Rates referring to this item are subject to varying minimum weights per shipment, dependent upon the number of units of carrier's equipment used, as shown below, regardless of the weight loaded in each unit of equipment. In no event shall the minimum weight per shipment be less than 52,000 pounds, or actual weight, whichever is greater. *512

<u>Number of Units of Equipment Used</u>	<u>Minimum Weight (In Pounds)</u>
1	52,000
2 or more	104,000

- 3 Rates referring to this item do not alternate with other rates and charges in this tariff and shall not be used in combination with any other rates.

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SECTION NO. 5 - DISTANCE COMMODITY RATES (Concluded) (In Cents Per 100 Pounds)							Item No.
Grain, Rice, Seeds and Related Commodities, as described in Items Nos. 500, 515, 520, 525 and 530, in bulk or in bins or in containers otherwise specified.							
MILES		RATES (See Note)					
Over	But Not Over	MINIMUM WEIGHT IN POUNDS					
		(1) 10,000	20,000	30,000	40,000	(2)48,000	(5)52,000
0	3	12-1/2	10	7-3/4	6	6	o 6
3	5	13-1/2	11-1/2	8-1/4	6-3/4	6-1/2	o 6-1/2
5	10	14-1/2	12-1/2	8-3/4	7-1/4	7	o 7
10	15	15-1/2	13-1/2	9-1/4	7-3/4	7-1/2	o 7-1/2
15	20	18	14-1/2	10-1/2	8-1/4	8	o 8
20	25	20	15-1/2	11-1/2	9-1/4	9	o 9
25	30	21	16-1/2	12-1/2	10-1/2	10	o 10
30	35	23	18	13-1/2	11-1/2	11	o 11
35	40	24	19	14-1/2	12-1/2	12	o 12
40	45	26	20	15-1/2	13-1/2	13	12-1/2
45	50	28	21-1/2	16-1/2	14-1/2	14	13
50	60	31	23	18-1/2	16-1/2	15	14
60	70	33	24	19-1/2	17-1/2	16	15
70	80	35	25	20-1/2	18-1/2	17	16
80	90	37	27	21-1/2	19-1/2	18	17
90	100	40	28	24	20-1/2	19-1/2	18
100	110	42	30	26	23	21	19
110	120	45	31	27	24	22	20
120	130	47	32	28	25	23	21
130	140	50	34	30	27	25	22
140	150	53	36	31	28	26	23
150	160	55	38	32	29	27	24
160	170	57	39	34	31	28	25
170	180	59	40	35	32	29	26
180	190	61	42	36	34	30	27
190	200	65	44	39	36	32	29
200	220	68	47	42	38	34	31
220	240	71	49	44	40	36	33
240	260	75	52	46	42	38	35
260	280	78	55	47	44	40	37
280	300	82	58	53	48	45	40
300	325	85	60	55	50	46	43
325	350	88	62	58	52	48	46
350	375	91	66	60	54	50	49
375	400	95	68	62	56	52	o 52
400	425	98	71	64	58	54	o 54
425	450	102	74	67	60	56	o 56
450	475	105	78	70	62	58	o 58
475	500	108	80	72	64	60	o 60
500	---	(3)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(6)

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NOTE.—On all Field Pickup Shipments, as defined in Item No. 180, add the charges provided therein to the rate otherwise applicable.

- (1) Rates for shipments weighing less than 10,000 pounds are provided in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.
- (2) Rates in this column are subject to the provisions of Item No. 510.
- (3) Add to the rate for 500 miles 3 cents per 100 pounds for each 25 miles or fraction thereof.
- (4) Add to the rate for 500 miles 2½ cents per 100 pounds for each 25 miles or fraction thereof.
- * (5) Rates in this column are subject to the provisions of Item No. 512.
- * (6) Add to the rate for 500 miles 2 cents per 100 pounds for each 25 miles or fraction thereof.

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∅ Reduction, except as noted)	
∅ No change)	

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