

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 73161

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
Thompson Bros. Freight Forwarding)
Co., Inc., a corporation, to depart)
from the rates, rules and regulations)
of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 for the)
transportation of bulk salt and sugar)
in shipper owned containers.)

Application No. 49587
(Filed August 4, 1967)

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. By this application, it seeks authority to assess rates less than the minimum rates otherwise applicable to transportation performed for Campbell Soup Company on: (1) bulk salt between Sacramento and Newark; (2) sugar between Sacramento, on the one hand, and Tracy and Crockett, on the other hand; and (3) used empty bins returning from Sacramento to Newark, Crockett, Tracy, Woodland and Clarksburg.

Applicant proposes to assess a rate of 29 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 45,000 pounds per shipment, for the salt and sugar and to provide a rating of 50 percent of fourth class, subject to a minimum rate of 32 cents per 100 pounds for the empty used bins returning. The proposed rate for the salt and sugar is 2 cents per 100 pounds higher than that currently authorized by Decision No. 71328 for such transportation when performed by Sierra Distributing, Ltd., and a minimum weight of 5,000 pounds rather than 2,000 pounds governs the proposed rating on the empty bins. Applicant contends that the involved increases are necessary to offset increased labor costs that have been in effect since April 1, 1967.

Revenue and expense data submitted with the application indicate that the transportation involved may reasonably be expected to be profitable.

The verified application shows that copies thereof were mailed to California Trucking Association, Morton Salt Company, Leslie Salt Company, American Crystal Sugar Company, California Hawaiian Refining Sugar Corporation, Spreckles Sugar Corporation and Sierra Distributing, Ltd., on or about August 4, 1967. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 7, 1967. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Subject to further review upon consideration of evidence which may be adduced at a public hearing, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the rates sought herein are reasonable for transportation to be performed by Thompson Bros. Freight Forwarding Co., Inc. In view of the existing conditions, the Commission concludes that Thompson Bros. Freight Forwarding Co., Inc., should be granted interim authority to the extent hereinafter indicated for a period of six months. A future hearing will be scheduled in this proceeding.

In view of the impending expiration date of the authority granted by Decision No. 71328, the order which follows will be made effective October 7, 1967.

IT IS ORDERED that:

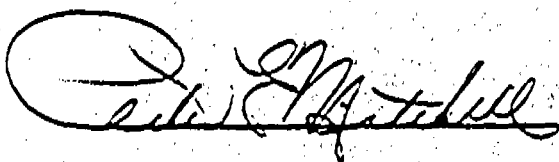
1. Thompson Bros. Freight Forwarding Co., Inc., a corporation, is authorized to transport salt, sugar and used empty bins for Campbell Soup Company at rates less than the established minimum rates but not less than those set forth, and subject to the provisions specified, in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. The authority granted herein shall expire six months after the effective date of this order.


3. A public hearing shall be scheduled in this proceeding for the receipt of evidence on this application.


The effective date of this order shall be October 7, 1967.

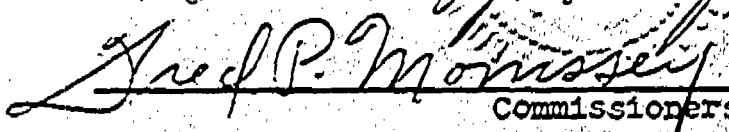
Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 7th day of October, 1967.



President







Commissioners

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

APPENDIX A TO DECISION NO. 73161

THOMPSON BROS. FREIGHT FORWARDING CO., INC.

Item No. 1

COMMODITY: Common Salt, in shipper owned bins of not less than 60 cubic feet capacity.
BETWEEN : Campbell Soup Company plant, Sacramento, on the one hand,
AND : Newark, on the other hand.
RATE : 29 cents per 100 pounds, subject to Note 1.

COMMODITY: Refined Sugar, in shipper owned bins of not less than 60 cubic feet capacity.
BETWEEN : Campbell Soup Company plant, Sacramento, on the one hand,
AND : Tracy and Crockett on the other hand.
RATE : 29 cents per 100 pounds, subject to Note 1.
NOTE 1 : Minimum weight 45,000 pounds per shipment. Rate applies to the combined weight of the commodity and bins. The weight of the bins must be shown separately on the bill of lading and may not be used to make up the minimum weight of the shipment.

Item No. 2

COMMODITY: Used empty BINS, for return paying load of Commodities in Item No. 1.
FROM : Campbell Soup Company plant, Sacramento.
TO : Newark, Crockett, Tracy, Woodland and Clarksburg.
RATING : 50% of 4th Class rating subject to a minimum rate of 32 cents per 100 pounds.
MINIMUM : 5,000 pounds per shipment.

Item No. 3

LOADING AND UNLOADING CARRIER'S EQUIPMENT:

The loading and unloading of carrier's equipment will be performed by the shipper's lift trucks. One hour free time will be allowed for loading and unloading bins commencing from the time carrier's equipment is placed at the designated loading or unloading place. Delay in excess of free time will be charged for as provided in Item No. 145 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.

Item No. 4

OTHER PROVISIONS:

All other provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 are to apply.

END OF APPENDIX A