

ORIGINALDecision No. 73341

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 WALKUP'S MERCHANTS EXPRESS, a
 corporation, for authorization to
 transport for compensation or hire
 over the public highways in the City
 and County of San Francisco, certain
 commodities listed in the application.)

Application No. 49691
 (Filed September 27, 1967)

OPINION AND ORDER

Walkup's Merchants Express is a city carrier. By Decision No. 71524 dated November 9, 1966, in Application No. 48832, it was authorized to transport newsprint paper in rolls, within San Francisco at rates lower than the established minimum rates. The currently authorized rates are 10-1/2 and 13 cents per 100 pounds, subject to minima of 25,000 and 6,000 tons per calendar year, respectively. The 10-1/2 cent rate applies on shipments transported for five paper companies to the San Francisco Newspaper Publishing Co. The 13 cent rate applies on shipments transported for three paper companies to 11 other publishers. The authority also permits departure from the minimum rate provisions governing tailgate loading and unloading. The current authority is scheduled to expire with November 27, 1967.

By this application a one-year extension of part of the authority is sought. Applicant seeks to continue the transportation to the San Francisco Newspaper Publishing Co. at a rate of 10 cents per 100 pounds. Applicant states that the conditions which justified the 13 cent rate no longer exist.

Applicant alleges that the facts and circumstances which justified the departure from the minimum rates remain unchanged except that the warehouses and docks from and to which this traffic moves are now more favorably located than formerly and that the distances involved are less and handling facilities at both warehouses and piers have improved, resulting in a reduction in costs. A study attached to the application indicates 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 the California Trucking Association and to the Draymen's Association of San Francisco, Inc., on September 27, 1967. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of September 28, 1967. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that applicant's proposal 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 is hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of City Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A, for the transportation of newsprint paper, in rolls, to the extent specifically provided in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

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2. The authority granted herein shall expire with
November 27, 1968.

This order shall become effective November 27, 1967.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th
day of NOVEMBER, 1967.

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President

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Commissioners

APPENDIX A

WALKUP'S MERCHANTS EXPRESS
(Within San Francisco)

Newsprint Paper, in rolls, transported for Crown Zellerbach Corporation, Powell River- Alberni Sales Corporation, British Columbia Forest Products, Ltd., West Tacoma Newsprint Company and Publishers Paper Company to the San Francisco Newspaper Publishing Co., in aggregate quantities of not less than 25,000 tons per calendar year; and any such newsprint paper, in rolls, transported from storage for the San Francisco Newspaper Publishing Co. after having had a prior haul for any of said shippers.

(1) \$.10 per 100 pounds.

Except as otherwise provided herein, rates and charges named in this exhibit are subject to the rules and regulations provided in City Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A (Appendix A of Decision No. 41363, as amended, in Case No. 4034).

(1) Not subject to the provisions of Item No. 60 of said City Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A with respect to tailgate loading and tailgate unloading.

END OF APPENDIX A