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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of KARLSON BROS. TRUCKING SERVICE,
a corporation, for authority under
Section 3666 of the Public Utilities
Code to continue to assess and col-
lect transportation charges based
on units of measurement and rates
different from and in some instances
lower than the minimum rates here-
tofore established by the Commission.

Application No. 49894
(Filed December 21, 1967)

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests authority, as a highway contract carrier, to transport tomato plants and empty carriers returning for I.K.I. Farms between Mecca and points in central California, at flat rates per crate. The transportation will be performed during the 1968 tomato plant season, which extends over an eight-week period between February 15 and June 30, depending upon weather conditions.

Applicant previously has been authorized to deviate from the rates in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 for transportation of tomato plants for I.K.I. Farms. The latest such authority covered the 1967 tomato plant season (Decision No. 71925, dated January 24, 1967). By this application, authority is sought to assess and collect rates on the same units of measurement, but at a higher level than previously authorized, during the 1968 tomato plant season.

Applicant alleges that the shipper of the traffic embraced in this application desires that applicant be in a position to render the proposed service at the requested rates as soon after February 15, 1968, as possible. Therefore, it requests that the authority be granted without hearing.

The application states that for accounting and sales reasons, I.K.I. Farms desires to continue to pay transportation charges on a system of flat rates per crate rather than upon a system of varying rates per 100 pounds. The application further states that the proposed rates and charges for the entire season's movement will result in an operating profit to applicant, and will produce substantially more revenues to applicant than otherwise would accrue under the applicable minimum rates in cents per 100 pounds.

The application contains revenue and expense data for operations conducted during the 1967 season, and projected revenue and expense data for the 1968 season. Such data show that 1967 operations under the rates authorized by Decision No. 71925 (supra) resulted in a deficit, which was occasioned primarily by extraordinary non-recurring expenses due to long duration of inclement weather. The projection for the 1968 season, predicated on the higher rates proposed, indicates that operations for the forthcoming season will be profitable.

The certificate of service shows that copies of the application were mailed to the shipper and to California Trucking Association on December 21, 1967. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of the same date. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the proposed rates are reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes the application should be granted.

In view of the impending commencement of the 1968 tomato plant season, the order will be made effective February 15, 1968.

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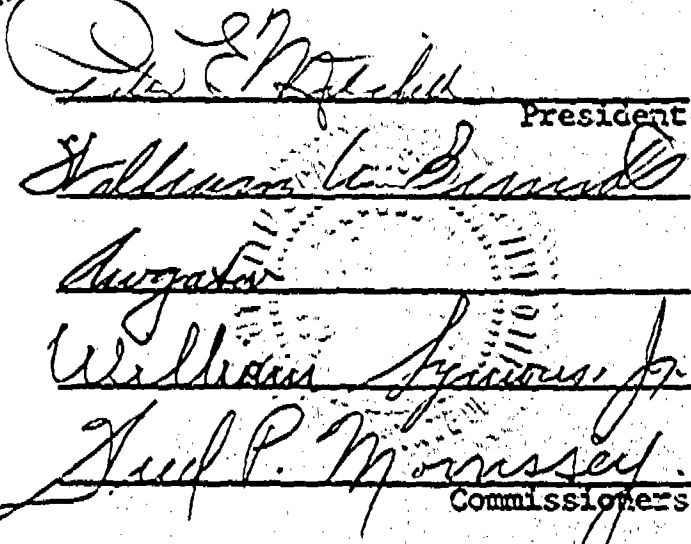
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Karlson Bros. Trucking Service, a corporation, is authorized to transport tomato plants, in crates, with a declared valuation of \$5.00 per 100 pounds, and empty crates returning, for I.K.I. Farms, at rates different from the minimum rates but not less than those set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. The authority herein granted shall expire with July 30, 1968.

The effective date of this order shall be February 15, 1968.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of JANUARY, 1968.


[Signature] President
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[Signature] Commissioners

APPENDIX A
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KARLSON BROS. TRUCKING SERVICE

SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM RATES FOR
TRANSPORTATION OF TOMATO PLANTS
FOR I.K.I. FARMS

Item 10. Application of Rates - Commodity.

Rates shall apply to the transportation of tomato plants, in lettuce crates or in cantaloupe crates, with a declared valuation of \$5.00 per 100 pounds; and to empty cantaloupe crates and lettuce crates returning, or for return loaded movement of tomato plants.

Item 20. Application of Rates - Territory.

Rates shall apply to the transportation of tomato plants as described in Item 10 from Mecca to points in Central California (see Note 1) and to the transportation of empty crates as described in Item 10 from points in Central California (see Note 1) to Mecca.

Note 1. Points in Central California include all points in the Counties of San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Yolo, Sacramento, Sutter, Yuba, Butte, Stanislaus, and Merced; and points in the Santa Maria Valley in Santa Barbara County.

Item 30. Application of Rates - General.

Rates include the service of transportation, including split delivery service.

Item 40. Rates on Tomato Plants as Described in Item 10.

From: Mecca
To: Points in Central California (see Item 20)

Rates in Cents per Crate (1)

Tomato Plants	
Per Cantaloupe Crate	64
Per Lettuce Crate	80

(1) Subject to minimum quantity of 20,000 pounds calculated at 40 pounds per cantaloupe crate and 70 pounds per lettuce crate. Exception: On not to exceed ten shipments per season shipments may be less than 20,000 pounds but shall be subject to a minimum charge per shipment of \$150.00.

Item 50. Rates on Empty Crates.

From: Points in Central California (see Item 20)
To: Mecca

Rates in Cents per Crate

Empty Crates returning
from an outbound paying load
or shipped for a return pay-
in load.

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Item 60. Payments of Charges.

Charges on all shipments transported under the fore-
going rates shall be paid by I.K.I. Farms.