

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 73779

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of)
Bert E. and Lanel Jessup, a partner-)
ship dba LANEL JESSUP TRANSPORTATION)
COMPANY, for an order authorizing)
departure from the rates, rules and)
regulations of Minimum Rate Tariff)
No. 2, pursuant to the provisions)
of Section 3666 of the Public)
Utilities Code, for the transpor-)
tation of cut flowers from)
Oceanside, California.)

Application No. 49935
(Filed January 10, 1968)

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Bert E. and Lanel Jessup, a partner-
ship doing business as Lanel Jessup Transportation Company, seek
authority to assess rates and charges, which are different from, and
less than, the minimum rates and charges named in Minimum Rate
Tariff No. 2, for the transportation of fresh cut gladiolus for
Frazee Flowers, Inc., (Frazee) from Oceanside to San Francisco, and
the return transportation of the empty containers from San Francisco
to Oceanside.

Applicants state that Frazee has been transporting gladio-
lus from Oceanside to the San Francisco Wholesale Flower Market in
bundles with stems placed in five-gallon capacity square tin con-
tainers, each weighing about 35 pounds when so filled. Applicants
assert that this method of handling cut flowers proved extremely
slow in loading and unloading and utilized a very low percentage of
either the cubic or weight-carrying capacity of the equipment
involved. Applicants declare that Frazee has now developed a method
of packing fresh, cut flowers in plastic containers which in turn are
in special metal master containers. These master containers are
equipped with end hangers in order that the first(lower) layer may be
loaded on skate-wheel conveyors in the floor of the trailer and a
second layer may be hung on skate-wheel conveyors fastened to the
side walls of the trailer.

Applicants allege that Frazee has shipments of 20 master containers available about three times a week, seven months of the year, from Oceanside to the San Francisco Wholesale Flower Market and that such shipments occur at a time of year when it is least possible to obtain northbound shipments. Applicants aver that they are now transporting three trailer loads per week from San Francisco to the Los Angeles Flower Market and that they are often required to return to the Bay Area with empty trailers. Applicants state that the loading of the flowers into the containers and the unloading thereof, which can be handled more rapidly under the new method, are accomplished by shipper and consignee without cost to applicants. Frazee will bear the cost of special equipment to be installed in the trailers and will permit shippers in the San Francisco area to utilize these containers for southbound shipments thereby further assisting applicants in their overall operations. Applicants aver that they would be relieved of the cost and delay in weighing the trucks in connection with this transportation and that the involved billing procedures would be greatly simplified.

Applicants assert that they can operate at a satisfactory profit under the proposed rates and that the movement of fresh cut flowers will be lost to proprietary trucking if the requested authority is not granted. Applicants declare that they will be unable to obtain this transportation without the sought relief for the period of time necessary until a hearing can be held and a decision rendered thereon.

Subject to further review upon consideration of evidence which may be adduced at a public hearing, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the charges proposed herein are reasonable.

In view of the existing conditions, the Commission concludes that applicants should be granted interim authority for a period of six months. A future hearing will be scheduled in this proceeding.

IT IS ORDERED that:


1. Bert E. and Lanel Jessup are authorized to transport fresh, cut gladiolus for Frazee Flowers, Inc., from Oceanside to San Francisco in plastic containers placed in metal master containers, and empty containers from San Francisco to Oceanside, at rates and charges different from and less than the minimum rates and charges otherwise applicable but not less than those set forth, and subject to the conditions specified, in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. The interim authority granted herein shall expire six months after the effective date of this order unless sooner canceled, modified or extended by order of the Commission.

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

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of February, 1968.



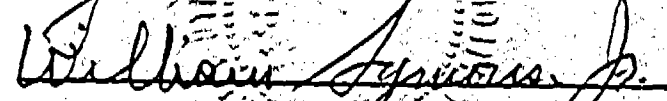
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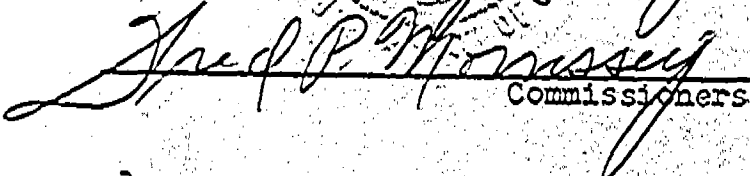
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BERT E. AND LANEL JESSUP

(doing business as Lanel Jessup
Transportation Company)

Shipper: Frazee Flowers, Inc.

Commodities: Fresh, cut gladiolus in taper sided rigid plastic
containers (14 inches x 14 inches x 15 inches in
height) placed in metal master containers (29 inches
x 88 inches x 12 inches in height).

From: Oceanside

To: San Francisco

Rates: \$150 per shipment of not less than 12 nor more than
14 master metal containers (see note).

\$200 per shipment of not less than 15 nor more than
20 master metal containers (see note).

Note: Rate includes the return transportation from San Francisco
to Oceanside of the empty containers used to move the
outbound traffic.

(End of Appendix A)