

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 73881

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
FERRO TRUCKING, for authority to)
continue to depart from the rates,)
rules and regulations of Minimum)
Rate Tariff No. 2 under the provi-)
sions of Section 3666 of the Public)
Utilities Code, for FRESNO CONSUMERS)
ICE COMPANY.)

Application No. 49998
(Filed February 5, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common and highway contract carrier permits. By Decision No. 72186 dated March 21, 1967, as amended by Decision No. 72395 dated May 9, 1967, in Application No. 49127, it was authorized as a highway contract carrier to charge rates which are less than the minimum rates otherwise applicable for the transportation of ice for Fresno Consumers Ice Company from Stockton and Fresno to the field station of California Packing Corporation at Fancher Ranch.¹ The authorized rates are 20 cents per 100 pounds from Stockton and 18 cents per 100 pounds from Fresno. Both rates are subject to a minimum weight of 42,000 pounds. The current authority is scheduled to expire with April 1, 1968. By this application, authority is sought to continue the current authorization for a further one-year period.

The present rates were first authorized by Decision No. 63920 following a public hearing held on May 24, 1962. The record developed at that time established the facts, as recited in the decision, that for approximately two months each year, usually

¹ Fancher Ranch is located on Yosemite Highway approximately six miles east of Merced.

commencing on or about July 10, California Packing Corporation collects fruit at the field station where it is hydro-cooled before shipment. Fresno Consumers Ice Company has been selling ice to California Packing Corporation for the hydro-cooling process and applicant has transported the ice for Fresno Consumers Ice Company. In the operation, applicant uses five trailers and eight 40-foot, insulated, van-type semitrailers. The interiors of the trailers are modified so that 140 blocks of ice, each weighing 300 pounds, can be loaded and blocked into place without delay. During the season, the equipment is not used in any other service.

Applicant alleges that no material changes have occurred since the service was initially established and that previous allegations concerning the operations involved are equally applicable today. Applicant states that, based upon its experience in performing the transportation service authorized by Decision No. 72186, as amended by Decision No. 72395, the currently authorized rates are adequate and enable it to derive therefrom the cost of performing the service, together with a reasonable profit. Applicant asserts that continuation of this transportation service at the rates authorized is important to the shipper, the receiver and carrier involved.

Revenue and expense data submitted by applicant indicate that the transportation involved has been profitable and reasonably may be expected to be profitable in the future.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was mailed to California Trucking Association on February 2, 1968. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 6, 1968. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable for the transportation service

involved. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted. In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective April 1, 1968.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Ferro Trucking, a corporation, is hereby authorized to transport shipments of ice for Fresno Consumers Ice Company from Stockton and Fresno to the field station of California Packing Corporation at Fancher Ranch, located on Yosemite Highway approximately six miles easterly from Merced, at rates less than the minimum rates otherwise applicable but no lower than the following:

Commodity: Ice. Minimum weight 42,000 pounds per shipment.

	<u>Rate in Cents</u> <u>Per 100 Pounds</u>
From Stockton	20
From Fresno	18

2. The authority granted herein shall, on and after April 1, 1968, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 72186, as amended by Decision No. 72395, and shall expire with April 1, 1969.

This order shall become effective April 1, 1968.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of March, 1968.

John E. McNeill
President

William H. Bennett

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Paul P. Morrison
Commissioners