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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of TELFER TANK LINES, INC., a)
corporation, for authority to)
charge rates for the transporta-)
tion of asphalt and road oils)
from Martinez to Fremont and to)
Pleasanton less than those pre-)
scribed as minimum in Minimum)
Rate Tariff No. 6-A - Section)
3666.)

Application No. 50120
(Filed March 28, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

Telfer Tank Lines, Inc., (formerly Blomquist Tank Lines, Inc.), a corporation, holds a petroleum contract carrier permit.¹ By Decision No. 72396 dated May 9, 1967, in Application No. 49228, applicant's predecessor was authorized to transport liquid asphalt and road oils, in tank truck equipment, from the refinery of Shell Oil Company at Martinez to Pleasanton and Fremont for Industrial Asphalt, Inc., at rates less than the Commission's established minimum rates. The current rate authority is scheduled to expire with June 1, 1968.

By this application, applicant seeks an extension of the existing authority, with certain modifications, until July 1, 1969. Applicant requests that the rates authorized by Decision No. 72396, supra, be continued in effect until July 1, 1968, that on said date

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According to the application, the corporate name of Blomquist Tank Lines, Inc., was changed to Telfer Tank Lines, Inc., effective January 1, 1968. A copy of applicant's amended articles of incorporation has heretofore been filed with the Commission and the change of name has been made in its petroleum contract carrier permit.

the authorized rates be respectively increased from \$2.10 and \$2.50 to \$2.25 and \$2.65 per ton for transportation to Pleasanton and Fremont,² and that the increased rates be made to expire with July 1, 1969.

According to applicant, movements of the above commodities between the points in question have occurred on an average of four days per week and three to nine truckloads have been hauled on such days. Applicant states that it has experienced excellent utilization of its equipment inasmuch as the loading and unloading facilities have been made available on a 24-hour day basis.

Applicant avers that its principal increase in operating cost involves a driver wage increase effective July 1, 1967, and another such wage increase which will become effective July 1, 1968. While applicant has been gradually updating its fleet of trucks and trailers, it is alleged that increases in vehicle fixed expenses have been incurred. Applicant asserts that the higher rates proposed herein are intended to fully compensate for all of the increases in such costs. According to applicant, it is of vital importance that the sought authority be granted since the threat of proprietary operations continues to exist. Applicant states that changes in the effective and expiration dates of this authority are proposed so that the period the authorized rates are in effect will coincide with the time period specified in its labor agreement.

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

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No authority for the proposed increase in rates is required from this Commission inasmuch as applicant performs this transportation as a permit carrier for which only minimum rates have been established.

The certificate of service shows that copies of the verified application were mailed to California Trucking Association, Shell Oil Company and Industrial Asphalt, Inc., on March 28, 1968. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 29, 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 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 June 1, 1968.

IT IS ORDERED that:

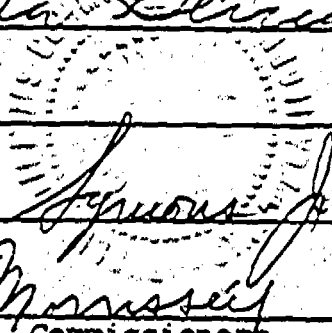
1. Telfer Tank Lines, Inc., a corporation, is hereby authorized, effective June 1, 1968, until July 1, 1968, to transport liquid asphalt and road oils in tank truck equipment from the refinery of Shell Oil Company at Martinez to Industrial Asphalt, Inc., at Pleasanton and Fremont at rates less than the established minimum rates but not less than \$2.10 per ton to Pleasanton and \$2.50 per ton to Fremont, minimum weight 74 tons per shipment, in three loads per tender, all consigned to either Pleasanton or Fremont.

2. Telfer Tank Lines, Inc., a corporation, is hereby authorized, effective July 1, 1968, to transport liquid asphalt and road oils in tank truck equipment from the refinery of Shell Oil Company at Martinez to Industrial Asphalt, Inc., at Pleasanton and Fremont at rates less than the established minimum rates but not less than \$2.25 per ton to Pleasanton and \$2.65 per ton to Fremont, minimum weight 74 tons per shipment, in three loads per tender, all consigned to either Pleasanton or Fremont.

3. The authority herein granted shall, on and after June 1, 1968, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 72396 and shall expire with July 1, 1969.

This order shall become effective June 1, 1968.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of May, 1968.


John E. Mitchell
President
William L. Bennett
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William J. Lyons Jr.
Paul P. Morrissey
Commissioners