

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 74381

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)

JACK THOMPSON TRUCKING, INC.,)
a California corporation,)

for authority to continue to depart)
from minimum rates prescribed in)
Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, under)
provisions of Section 3666, Public)
Utilities Code, State of California,)
for CEN-VI-RO PIPE CORPORATION of)
Shafter, California)

Application No. 50283
(Filed June 5, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds permits to operate as a radial highway common carrier and a highway contract carrier. By Decision No. 72521 dated May 31, 1967, in Application No. 49313, it was authorized to transport reinforced concrete pipe for CEN-VI-RO Pipe Corporation from Shafter to points within 180 constructive miles thereof at rates less than the established minimum rates. The authority is scheduled to expire with July 29, 1968. By this application, applicant seeks an extension for a one-year period.

The less-than-minimum rates currently authorized for this transportation were found by the Commission to be reasonable upon the basis of evidence received at a public hearing on applicant's original application for this rate authority.¹ The evidence showed that applicant and the shipper have developed unusual operating economies and efficiencies for the transportation of this commodity

¹ See Decision No. 65689 dated July 9, 1963, in Application No. 45155.

through pre-loading of trailers by the shipper, exchange of empty trailers for loaded trailers and mechanical unloading at delivery point. Applicant alleges that these special transportation conditions still exist.

Applicant asserts that continuation of the authority is important to both it and the shipper as a heavy volume of reinforced concrete pipe is anticipated during the ensuing year for shipment to various water districts and other destination areas situated within 180 constructive miles of Shafter. Revenue and expense data furnished by applicant indicate 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 a copy of the application was mailed to California Trucking Association on June 4, 1968. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 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 involved. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Jack Thompson Trucking, Inc., a corporation, is hereby authorized to transport reinforced concrete pipe for CEN-VI-RO Pipe Corporation from Shafter to points within 180 constructive miles thereof at rates less than the established minimum rates but not less than two cents per 100 pounds less than the

applicable Class E minimum rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, from the effective date of this order to and including August 31, 1968, and not less than two cents per 100 pounds less than the applicable Class 35.4 minimum rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 on and after September 1, 1968, in volume movements of 100 tons or more to one destination area, subject to a minimum weight of 40,000 pounds per shipment and subject to the condition that shipper will load carrier's equipment.

2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after July 29, 1968, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 72521 and shall expire with July 29, 1969.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of July, 1968.

William Amos Jr.
President
William W. Gannett
Vice President
John P. Monissey
Commissioners