

ORIGINALDecision No. 75474

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. 50869
 (Filed February 7, 1969)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common and highway contract carrier permits. By Decision No. 73881 dated March 19, 1968, in Application No. 49998, 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 on April 1, 1969. By this application, authority is sought to continue the current authorization for a further one-year period.

Applicant alleges that no material changes have occurred since the service was initially established^{2/} and that previous allegations concerning the operations involved are equally applicable

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

2/ The deviation authority was initially granted by Decision No. 63920 in Application No. 44335.

today. Applicant states that, based upon its experience in performing the transportation service, 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 6, 1969. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 10, 1969. 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, 1969.

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:

