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Decision No. 75484

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
UNIVERSAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM, INC.,
for authority to depart from the
minimum rates, rules and regulations
of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 7, pursuant
to the provisions of Section 3666 of
the Public Utilities Code for
transportation performed for PACIFIC
READY-MIX, INC.

Application No. 50920
(Filed February 28, 1969)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier and highway contract carrier permits. ^{1/} By Decision No. 73914 dated March 26, 1968 in Applications Nos. 49995 and 50080, applicant was authorized to charge rates less than the established minimum rates for the transportation of concrete aggregate for Pacific Ready-Mix, Inc., from plants in the City of Fremont to Mountain View. The authority is scheduled to expire with March 31, 1969. By this application Universal Transport System, Inc., seeks to: (1) extend the current authority to March 31, 1970, and (2) amend the present authority by eliminating the currently authorized rate deviation from origins other than the Centerville plant, and to show en route and loading and unloading rates separately.

1/ It also holds certificates to operate as a highway common carrier and as a cement carrier which are not involved in these proceedings.

Applicant declares that, while there have been both increases and reductions in certain individual expenses related to the authority involved, the total operating costs experienced by it during 1968 are substantially the same as the costs which justified the original authority. Applicant alleges that labor costs will be increased April 1, 1969, and present rates will no longer continue to be reasonable. According to applicant, it currently has no knowledge of any operating expense, other than labor costs, which will increase during the coming year.

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

The certificate of service shows that copies of the application were mailed to California Trucking Association and to Pacific Ready-Mix, Inc., on or about February 28, 1969. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 3, 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 involved and that the authority granted herein should be made to expire with April 1, 1970. 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. Universal Transport System, Inc., is authorized to transport aggregate (rock, sand and/or gravel) for Pacific Ready-Mix, Inc., from a plant in Centerville to the plant of Pacific

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Ready-Mix located at 605 East Fairchild Drive, Mountain View, at rates less than that established in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 7 but not less than those set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after April 1, 1969, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 73914, and shall expire with March 31, 1970.

The effective date of this order shall be April 1, 1969.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of MARCH, 1969.

William Synoux J
President
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J. M. ...
[Signature]
Commissioners

Commissioner Fred P. Morrissey, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Appendix A

UNIVERSAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM, INC.

SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM RATES FOR
TRANSPORTATION OF AGGREGATE FOR
PACIFIC READY-MIX, INC.

Commodity: Concrete Aggregate (rock, sand and/or gravel).

From: Pacific Cement and Aggregates' plant at 37151 Sequoia Road, Centerville.

To: Pacific Ready-Mix, Inc.'s plant at 605 East Fairchild Drive, Mountain View.

Rates:

(1) En route rate* (minimum weight 24 tons)	70 cents per ton
(2) Loading and unloading rate**	16 cents per minute

* Applicable to transportation of commodity from origin to destination.

** Applicable to loading and unloading commodity at origin and destination plants. Time commences when equipment is available for loading or unloading and terminates when loading or unloading is accomplished and equipment is released.

In all other respects, the rates and rules in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 7 shall apply.

End of Appendix A