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Decision No. 75915

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. 51176 (Filed June 18, 1969)

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

Applicant holds permits to operate as a radial highway common carrier and as a highway contract carrier. By Decision No. 74381, dated July 9, 1968, in Application No. 50283, 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, 1969. 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. The evidence showed that applicant and the shipper have developed unusual operating economies and efficiencies for the transportation of this commodity through pre-loading of trailers by the shipper,

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

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exchange of empty trailers for loaded trailers, and mechanical unloading at delivery points. Applicant alleges that these special transportation conditions still exist.

Applicant asserts that continuation of the present authority is important to both it and the shipper, as a volume of 35,000 tons of concrete products is expected to be shipped in the ensuing year. Revenue and expense data furnished by applicant indicate that the transportation in question has been profitable in the past year, and reasonably may be expected to be profitable for the ensuing year.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was furnished to California Trucking Association. That organization, by letter dated June 23, 1969, has informed the Commission that the proposed relief has been considered by it, and said organization has no objection to the ex parte action requested. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 19, 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. A public hearing is not necessary. The application should be granted.

ORDER

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

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miles thereof at rates less than the established minimum rates but not less than two cents per 100 pounds less than the applicable Class 35.4 minimum rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, 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 granted herein shall, on and after July 29, 1969, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 74381, and shall expire with July 29, 1970.

The effective date of this order is ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at _______ San Francisco ______, California, this _______ day of ______ JULY ____, 1969.

President ni/ssioners

Commissioner William Symons. Jr., being necessarily absent. did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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