

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 76016

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of WALTER SPHAR, doing business  
as WALTER SPHAR TRUCKING, P.O.  
Box 83, Likely, Calif. to transport  
Bulk Peat moss on a load basis.

Application No. 51223  
(Filed July 7, 1969)

OPINION AND ORDER

By the above application, Walter Sphar seeks authority to continue to assess rates, which differ from and are less than the minimum rates for the transportation of peat moss from Jess Valley to Likely for Radel, Inc. Both of the points involved are located in Modoc County. The current authority is scheduled to expire with August 13, 1969.

For the transportation involved, applicant's proposed rate is \$16.25 per load. Shipper will perform loading and unloading. Each load will approximate 40,000 pounds. The transportation of peat moss from Jess Valley to Likely, a distance of approximately 12 miles, is a seasonal movement which commences on or about July 1 of each year and terminates in November. Applicant will furnish one tractor and driver for this movement and estimates that he will be able to transport eight loads of peat moss per day resulting in gross revenue per day of \$130.00.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 8, 1969. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Walter Sphar is hereby authorized to assess a rate different from that otherwise applicable but not less than \$16.25 per shipment, minimum weight 40,000 pounds per shipment, for the transportation of peat moss from Jess Valley to Likely when all loading and unloading of the vehicle is performed by the shipper, and when the trailer used is furnished by shipper.

2. The authority herein granted shall expire one year after the effective date of this order, unless sooner canceled, modified or extended by order of the Commission.

This order shall become effective on the 13th day of August, 1969.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of AUGUST, 1969.

William Sphar, Jr.  
President

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J. P. Monassey

J. P. Vukasin, Jr.  
Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.