

ORIGINALDecision No. 76156

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 HOWARD JONES, Doing Business as HOWARD
 JONES TRUCKING, under Section 3666 of
 the Public Utilities Code of the State
 of California, for Authority to Charge
 Rates Less Than Those Prescribed in
 Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 for the
 Transportation of Empty Containers
 Returning from Modesto, California,
 to Selma, California, and to Hanford,
 California, for the Account of UNION
 HIDE - VALLEY CO.

Application No. 51203
 (Filed June 30, 1969)

O P I N I O N

Applicant is an individual doing business under the name of Howard Jones Trucking. By Decision No. 73859, dated March 19, 1968, in Application No. 49585, he was authorized to furnish and to transport empty steel bins without charge to plants of shippers of green hides located at Hanford, Selma, Kernan and Fresno to be used for the transportation of green hides for Union Hide - Valley Co. from those shipping points to Modesto and to return the same empty bins to the carrier's depot. That authority expired April 3, 1969. Applicant seeks an extension of that authority with respect to the movement of empty bins between Modesto, Hanford and Selma.

A description of the transportation and the circumstances attending the movement of raw green hides is set forth in said Decision No. 73859. As pointed out therein the transportation over state highways of raw green hides other than in leak proof bins is unlawful and failure of carriers to provide leak proof bins will result

in arrests, damage to carrier's equipment and increase in offensive odors which can render the equipment useless for the transport of other types of lading.

The application shows that the transportation of raw green hides for Union Hide - Valley Co. was profitable during 1968. It forecasts a profit for continued operations in the transportation of hides.

A copy of the application was served upon California Trucking Association. Notice of the filing of the application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 1, 1969. There are no protests. The proposal to furnish and to transport empty bins without charge in connection with the transportation of raw green hides for Union Hide - Valley Co. to Hanford and Selma is reasonable. The application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

C R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Howard Jones is authorized to furnish and to transport without charge empty steel bins to shippers' plants in Hanford and Selma to be used for the transportation of raw green hides for Union Hide - Valley Co. from those shipping points to Modesto and to return the same empty bins without charge to the carrier's depot.

2. The authority herein granted shall expire with September 30, 1970.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of SEPTEMBER, 1969.

William J. Agnew, Jr.
President
Thomas Moran
Richard J. ...
Thomas L. ...
Commissioners

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.