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Decision No. 76617

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of WILLS TRUCKING SERVICE, INC., a corporation, for authority to depart from minimum rates in connection with the transportation of cottonseed from Huron and Cantua to the plant of Kingsburg Cotton Oil Co. of California at Kingsburg, California.

Application No. 51478 (Filed November 13, 1969)

OPINION

Wills Trucking Service, Inc., is a radial highway common carrier and a highway contract carrier. It here seeks authority to charge less than the minimum rates for the transportation of cotton-seed for Kingsburg Cotton Oil Co. Applicant has been transporting cottonseed from Cantua Ranch and Huron Ranch to Kingsburg's plant for over 10 years. Until November 1968, the transportation of cottonseed was not subject to minimum rates. By Decision No. 75545, issued after hearing in Application No. 50897, applicant was authorized to depart from the minimum rates for such transportation during the 1969 season.

The application recites that except for certain increased costs of operation, the transportation circumstances and conditions related in Decision No. 75545 will obtain during the 1970 season. Estimates of the costs of providing the service during the coming season (approximately January through July) are included in the application. According to such estimates the proposed rates will be compensatory. A copy of the application was served upon California Trucking Association. Notice of the filing of the application

appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 14, 1969. No protests have been received.

The proposed rates are reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The application should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Wills Trucking Service, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to charge and collect rates less than the established minimum rates but not less than the rates set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof, for the transportation of cottonseed in bulk for Kingsburg Cotton Oil Co. of California from the locations set forth in Appendix A to the processing plant of Kingsburg Cotton Oil Co. of California at Kingsburg.
- 2. The authority herein granted shall expire July 31, 1970.

 The effective date of this order shall be January 2, 1970.

 Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30% day

 of DECEMBER, 1969.

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Commissioners

Commissioner A. W. Gatov, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

APPENDIX A WILLS TRUCKING SERVICE, INC.

Schedule of Minimum Rates for Transportation of Cottonseed in Bulk from Indicated Origin Points to Plant of Kingsburg Cotton Oil Co.

of California at Kingsburg, California

Rates set forth below are subject to a minimum weight of 48,000 pounds and apply only to transportation of cottonseed in bulk from points named below to the plant of Kingsburg Cotton Oil Co. of California at Kingsburg, California:

From:

Rates in cents per 100 pounds

1. Huron Ranch

2. Cantua Ranch