Decision No. 76902

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application ) of WALTER F. PETERS, an individual ) doing business as PETERS TRUCK ) LINES, for authority to depart from ) minimum rates, rules and regulations ) applicable in connection with ) certain transportation. )

Application No. 51687 (Filed February 5, 1970)

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#### OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds a radial highway common carrier permit. By Decision No. 75389 dated March 4, 1969, in Application No. 50846, he was authorized to assess less-than-minimum rates for the transportation of potatoes in sacks, boxes or bins for specified shippers from Macdoel and points within 15 airline miles thereof to Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Monterey, Fort Ord, Stockton, Modesto and points within the San Francisco Bay area. The current authority is scheduled to expire with April 1, 1970.

By this application, applicant seeks modification and extension of the current rate authority for an additional one-year period. Applicant asks that the existing authority be modified by increasing the rates per 100 pounds now authorized from Macdoel to Monterey and Fort Ord by five cents, to Modesto and San Jose by four cents, to Stockton by two cents and to all other destinations by one cent.

Applicant alleges that, except for increases in operating costs, the transportation conditions which justified the granting of the current authority continue to exist. Applicant asserts that the proposed increases in rates properly reflect the increased costs

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of handling this traffic during the past year. Based on his operating experience during such period, applicant avers that he can continue to provide the same service at the proposed rates and realize a satisfactory profit.

Revenue and expense data submitted by applicant indicate that the transportation involved reasonably may be expected to be profitable during the ensuing year.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the verified application was mailed to California Trucking Association on February 4, 1970. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 6, 1970. 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 and justified by transportation conditions. 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, 1970.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Walter F. Peters is authorized to transport potatoes, in sacks, boxes or bins, from Macdoel and points within a radius of 15 airline miles of Macdoel for the companies named and to the points indicated in Appendix A, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, at rates less than the established minimum rates but not less than those set forth, and subject to the conditions specified, in said Appendix A.

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2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after April 1, 1970, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 75389 and shall expire with April 1, 1971.

The effective date of this order shall be April 1, 1970. Dated at <u>San Francisco</u>, California, this ///// day of <u>: MARCH</u>, 1970.

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# APPENDIX A

# APPLICATION OF RATES

### CARRIER: Walter F. Peters, dba PETERS TRUCK LINES

# SHIPPERS FOR WHOSE ACCOUNT SERVICE IS TO BE PROVIDED:

Butte Valley Farms, Inc.	Bob Cheyne	
Macdoel Potato Co.	Wesley McKegg	
Geo. Yost	Safeway Stores, Inc.	
Carl Colson Farms	Klamath Potato Distributors,	Inc.
Nick Dellis Co., Inc.	Sunnystate Produce	
L and K Produce	A. Levy and J. Zentner, Inc.	
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### 1. <u>COMMODITY</u>:

Potatoes, fresh, in sacks, boxes or bins.

### 2. <u>RATES</u>:

Rates in Cents Per 100 Pounds		
42,000 Pounds	45,000 Pounds	
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3. In all other respects, the provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 8 are applicable.