

ORIGINALDecision No. 77296

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 TELFER TANK LINES, INC., a corpora-)
 tion, for authority to charge rates)
 for the transportation of asphalt)
 and road oils from Martinez to Fre-)
 mont and to Pleasanton less than)
 those prescribed as minimum in)
 Minimum Rate Tariff No. 6-A -)
 Section 3666.))

Application No. 51869
 (Filed May 1, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

Telfer Tank Lines, Inc., a corporation, holds a petroleum contract carrier permit. Decision No. 75826 dated June 24, 1969 in Application No. 51048, extended for twelve months its authority to transport liquid asphalt and road oils in tank truck equipment, from the refinery of Shell Oil Company at Martinez to Pleasanton and Fremont for Industrial Asphalt, Inc., at rates less than the Commission's established minimum rates. The current rate authority is scheduled to expire on July 1, 1970.

Applicant requests herein that the authority granted by Decision No. 75826 be extended to July 1, 1971 and that the authorized rates be respectively increased from \$2.35 and \$2.75 to \$2.50 and \$2.90 per ton for transportation to Pleasanton and Fremont, and that the increased rates be made to expire with July 1, 1971.

According to applicant, movements of the above commodities between the points in question have occurred on an average of four days per week and three to nine truckloads have been hauled on such days. Applicant states that it has experienced excellent utilization of its equipment inasmuch as the loading and unloading facilities have been made available on a 24-hour day basis.

Applicant avers that its principal increase in operating costs have been driver wage increases and that such increases are reflected in the rates herein proposed. According to applicant, it is of vital importance that the sought authority be granted since the threat of proprietary operations continues to exist.

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

The certificate of service shows that copies of the verified application were mailed to California Trucking Association, Shell Oil Company and Industrial Asphalt, Inc., on April 30, 1970. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 5, 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 for the transportation involved. 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 July 1, 1970.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Telfer Tank Lines, Inc., a corporation, is hereby authorized, effective July 1, 1970, to transport liquid asphalt and road oils in tank truck equipment from the refinery of Shell Oil Company at Martinez to Industrial Asphalt, Inc., at Pleasanton and Fremont at rates less than the established minimum rates but not less than \$2.50 per ton to Pleasanton and \$2.90 per ton to Fremont, minimum weight 74 tons per shipment, in three loads per tender, all consigned to either Pleasanton or Fremont.

2. The authority herein granted shall supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 75826 and shall expire with July 1, 1971.

This order shall become effective July 1, 1970.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of JUNE, 1970.

William J. Squires, Jr.
President

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Commissioners

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