

Decision No. 77366

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
 of COAST DRAYAGE, a corporation,  
 for authority to depart from the  
 minimum rates, rules and regulations  
 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, pur-  
 suant to the provisions of Section  
 3666 of the Public Utilities Code  
 for transportation for THE CLOROX  
 COMPANY.

Application No. 51883  
 (Filed May 6, 1970;  
 Amended May 12, 1970)

O P I N I O N

By Decision No. 75703, dated May 27, 1969 in Application No. 50982, Coast Drayage, a corporation, was authorized, as a highway permit carrier, to transport sodium hypochlorite solution (household bleach) and empty returning pallets for The Clorox Company (Clorox) at rates different from those set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 (MRT 2). Said authorization permitted the carrier to assess a single scale of rates, as set forth in Appendix A of the decision, for the outbound movement of bleach and the returned pallets for movements from Clorox's Oakland plant to points in Central and Northern California. That authorization is scheduled to expire June 30, 1970.

By this application, as amended, applicant now seeks an extension of said authority, subject to a surcharge of six percent, for an additional period of ninety days.

Applicant points out that the Teamsters' contract with the trucking industry expired on March 31, 1970 and, as of the date of filing of the application, no final agreement had yet been

reached respecting the terms of a new contract. This circumstance prevented the inclusion of a meaningful cost study in the application. However, the proposed six percent surcharge is intended to offset increased costs to the extent reflected by the interim increase of six percent in the Commission's minimum rates, which became effective April 24, 1970.

Applicant states that the transportation in question has been profitable and is satisfied that it will continue to be profitable under the increased rates herein proposed since no other substantial increases in costs are anticipated. The carrier further states that it will file an application for an extended period of relief as soon as the cost study predicated on the new wage agreement has been prepared.

The certificate of service shows that verified copies of the application and amendment thereto were mailed to all parties of record in Application No. 50982 on May 6 and 15, 1970, respectively. The application and amendment were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendars of May 7 and 19, 1970, respectively. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

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

#### O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Coast Drayage, a corporation, is authorized to depart from the minimum rates and rules set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 for transportation of sodium hypochlorite solution and returned

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empty pallets for The Clorox Company from its plant at Oakland as more specifically set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

The effective date of this order shall be June 30, 1970.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of JUNE, 1970.

William Synovis, Jr.  
President

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Vernon L. Stinson  
Commissioners

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Coast Drayage is authorized to assess the charges hereinafter set forth for the transportation of sodium hypochlorite solution from the plant of The Clorox Company, Oakland, California, to destinations in central and northern California, and empty pallets returning to said plant from the destinations of the out-bound movements.

The rates, rules and regulations below are deviations from those in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. Other than the described deviations, the rates and rules in that tariff will be applicable to the involved transportation (except that Central Coastal Territory surcharges shall not be assessed).

Commodity: Sodium hypochlorite solution (straight shipments only).

From: The plant of The Clorox Company, Oakland, California.

To: Points in central and northern California within 250 miles of Oakland, California.

Rates: (Minimum weight 40,000 pounds).

Mileage		# Rate (Cents per hundredweight)
Over	But Not Over	
10	15	21
15	20	22
20	25	23
25	30	24
30	35	25
35	40	25-1/2
40	45	26
45	50	27
50	60	28
60	70	30
70	80	31
80	90	33
90	100	34
100	110	35
110	120	37
120	130	38
130	140	39

# Subject to surcharge provided in Note 6.

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Rates--Contd.

<u>Mileage</u>		<u># Rate</u>
<u>Over</u>	<u>But Not Over</u>	<u>(Cents per hundredweight)</u>
140	150	40
150	160	41
160	170	43
170	180	44
180	190	45
190	200	46
200	220	48
220	240	50
240	260	52

# Subject to surcharge provided in Note 6.

- Notes:
- (1) Mileage to be computed as provided in governing Distance Table.
  - (2) Rates shall be subject to provisions of Item 170 (Split Delivery) of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.
  - (3) Rates shall only apply to palletized shipments which are power loaded at origin plant.
  - (4) Pallets will be returned free of charge, provided that a like number of pallets are returned at time of delivery. Shipments of pallets not complying with this paragraph will be subject to rates in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.
  - (5) Carrier will be free from any claims for shortage. Upon return of damaged merchandise, carrier is to be free from any claim for damage.
  - (6) Charges resulting under the rates in this appendix shall be increased by 6 percent. Fractions will be disposed of as follows: Fractions of less than one half-cent shall be dropped; fractions of one half-cent or greater shall be increased to one cent.