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Decision No. 77657

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
CLARK TRUCKING SERVICE, INC., for )  
authority to deviate from MRT 14A )  
in connection with transportation )  
to be performed for the RICE GROWERS )  
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA. )

Application No. 52077  
(Filed July 28, 1970)

INTERIM OPINION

Clark Trucking Service, Inc. (Clark) operates as a highway permit carrier. In this application it seeks emergency interim authority to assess less than the established rates on paddy rice in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 14-A on behalf of the Rice Growers Association of California (Rice Growers), for shipments destined to Rice Growers' milling facility at West Sacramento from designated rice driers and storage points within 50 constructive miles of West Sacramento, and from said facility at West Sacramento to Rice Growers' Woodland mill. Interim authority is requested pending a hearing for the following reasons: the one-cent increase in minimum rates (authorized by Decision No. 77125, dated April 21, 1970, in Case No. 7857, Petition No. 30) assertedly is excessive and disproportionate for shipments of less than 100 round-trip miles; and a one-half cent increase in lieu thereof, as represented by the deviation sought herein, is reasonable and will result in profitable rates to Clark. The application asserts that Rice Growers cannot absorb higher freight rates and also operative cost increases occurring from labor costs for milling and warehouse employees and changed methods of disposing of rice hulls, thus placing an important export crop at a serious disadvantage in the increasingly competitive international rice market. Applicant proposes to present evidence at a public hearing to show that the proposed rates are reasonable.

The verified application contains a development of estimated costs of handling the traffic in question. A comparison of said costs on a per trip basis with revenues per trip under the rates proposed herein indicates that the proposed rates from each of the origins involved herein will produce revenues in excess of total round trip costs for shipments weighing 48,000 pounds or more.

The application was served on the California Trucking Association and notice of the filing of the application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 29, 1970. No objection to the granting of interim relief has been received.

Subject to further review upon consideration of evidence which may be adduced at a public hearing, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable. In view of the existing conditions, the Commission concludes that applicant should be granted interim authority for a period of six months. A future hearing will be scheduled in this proceeding.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Clark Trucking Service, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to transport paddy rice for Rice Growers Association of California from and to the points set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto, 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.
2. The authority granted herein shall expire six months after the effective date of this order unless sooner canceled, modified or extended by order of the Commission.

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3. A public hearing shall be scheduled in this proceeding for the receipt of evidence on this application and full disposition thereof.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th  
day of AUGUST, 1970

[Signature]  
Chairman  
[Signature]  
William J. Lyons, Jr.  
[Signature]  
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Commissioners

## APPENDIX A

## CLARK TRUCKING SERVICE, INC.

Commodity: Paddy Rice, in Bulk.To: Rice Growers Association of California, West Sacramento.

<u>From:</u>	<u>Rate in Cents Per 100 Pounds</u>
Guisti Ranch & Warehouse, Robbins .....	11.5
Hamatani Bros., Dingville .....	11.5
Arthur James, Robbins .....	11.5
Rice Growers Association of California (Merrit Storage), Merrit .....	8.5
Montna Drier, Dingville .....	11.5
S & S Warehouse Co., East Nicolaus .....	10.5
Rice Growers Association of California (Mill-Wood), Woodland .....	9.5
Sacramento River Warehouse, Millers Landing .....	13.5
T. B. Sills, Riego .....	8.5
Sobrakoff Brothers, Wheatland .....	12.5
H. A. Bennett, near Verona .....	9.5
J & C Bennett, near Verona .....	9.5
CBC Warehouse Co., Woodland .....	9.5
Collins and Story, Robbins .....	11.5
County Line Warehouse Co., Hershey .....	13.0
El Centro Storage Co., near Sankey .....	8.5
Elverta Storage Co., near Elverta .....	8.0
Erdman Drier, Boyers Landing .....	13.5
Erle Drier, near Olivehurst .....	13.0
Freeman Drier, Lincoln .....	10.5

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<u>From:</u>	<u>Rate in Cents Per 100 Pounds</u>
J. Sopwith, near Elverta .....	8.5
Sunset Rice Drier, Woodland .....	9.5
Sutter Basin Co-op, Knights Landing .....	10.5
Tyndall Warehouse Co., Inc., Tyndall .....	12.5
Van Dyke Rice Drier, near Pleasant Grove .....	10.5
Woodland Warehouse Co., Woodland .....	9.5

To: Rice Growers Association of California, Woodland--RGA

<u>From:</u>	<u>Rate in Cents Per 100 Pounds</u>
Rice Growers Association of California, West Sacramento .....	9.5

Minimum Weight: 48,000 pounds per unit of equipment.

In all other respects, the provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 14-A will govern the transportation services involved in Application No. 52077.

End of Appendix A