

Decision No. 78333

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
JOHN T. LANE for an order authoriz-
ing departure from the rates, rules
and regulations of Minimum Rate
Tariff No. 2, pursuant to Section
3666 of the Public Utilities Code. }

Application No. 52385
(Filed January 5, 1971)

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

John T. Lane operates as a radial highway common carrier and as a highway contract carrier. By this application he seeks authority, under Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code, to deviate from the minimum rates in connection with the transportation of empty containers and shipper-owned trailer chassis between the plant of the Trailmobile Division of Pullman, Inc., at Fremont and Oakland and San Francisco. Applicant proposes to assess a rate of \$14.25 per hour, minimum charge for two hours; time to be computed from the time a vehicle leaves applicant's yard to its return thereto. Applicant requests temporary interim authority pending a public hearing, as movements are now commencing.

The application states that the shipper manufactures and sells to water carriers large shipping containers and especially designed trailer chassis. The service involved here will include pickup with a tractor of a chassis with or without a container and transportation to the water carrier's container yard or pier at San Francisco or Oakland. Applicant supplies just a tractor and driver. No loading or unloading by applicant is involved. Because of the nature of the service, regular rates are not suitable.

A cost study attached to the application shows that at the proposed rate, applicant will have an operating ratio of 92.2 percent.

Subject to further review upon consideration of additional evidence to be received at a public hearing to be scheduled in this proceeding, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate is reasonable. In view of the urgent need for the rate relief sought herein, 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.

IT IS ORDERED that:

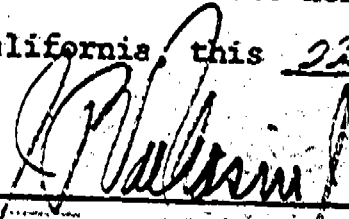
1. John T. Lane, doing business as John Lane Drayage, is authorized, in lieu of the otherwise applicable minimum rates, to assess a rate and charge of \$14.25 per hour, for the transportation and subject to the conditions set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part of this order.


2. The authority granted herein shall expire six months after the effective date of this order.


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

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of FEBRUARY, 1971.



Chairman




Commissioners

-2- Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

APPENDIX A

JOHN T. LANE

Shipper: Trailmobile Division of Pullman, Inc.

Commodity: Empty containers, and/or shipper-owned trailer chassis.

Between: Fremont and Oakland and San Francisco.

Minimum Charge: Two hours.

Computation of time: From departure from carrier's place of business to return thereto.

END OF APPENDIX A