

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 79546

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Senf & Co., a corporation, for authority to depart from the rates, rules, and regulations of Minimum Rate Tariff 14 A on shipments of bulk rice hulls for Rice Growers Association, Farmers Rice Coop, and Rice Mills Products. Senf & Co. requests ex parte action on this application.

Application No. 52848
(Filed September 3, 1971)

Burton L. Senf, for Senf & Co., applicant.
A. D. Poe, Attorney at Law, Arthur D. Maruna
and H. F. Kollmyer, for California Trucking
Association, interested party.
John F. Specht, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Senf & Co. operates as a highway permit carrier. By this application it seeks to charge rates less than the minimum on shipments of bulk rice hulls from West Sacramento to points within 35 miles of the origin.

Public hearing on the application was held October 18, 1971, at Sacramento before Examiner Turpen. The matter was submitted October 28, 1971, upon receipt of a late-filed exhibit. Representatives of the California Trucking Association and of the Commission staff assisted in developing the record.

The record shows that the rice hulls are a waste product from the milling of rice. The hulls have no value, but must be disposed of. In the past this has usually been taken care of by burning the rice hulls, but new anti-pollution regulations will now prohibit the burning, so the hulls are plowed into farm fields. The mills have been transporting the rice hulls to the fields, but now desire applicant to perform the transportation. The mills have

guaranteed that when loads are available there will be enough for a full eight hours' work. Applicant will use a tractor and combination semi and full trailer with loading from overhead silos and bottom dumping.

Cost figures submitted by applicant show that it will realize profits of around \$5.00 per load transported. It is thus clear that applicant can perform the transportation at a profit. We find that the proposed rates are reasonable.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Senf & Co. is authorized to charge less than the minimum rates for the transportation of rice hulls from West Sacramento to points within 35 miles as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

2. The authority hereinabove granted shall expire one year after the effective date of the order herein.

The effective date of this order shall be ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of JANUARY, 1972.

[Signature]
Chairman
[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]
Commissioners

Appendix A

Carrier: Senf & Co.
Shippers: Rice Growers Association
Farmers Rice Coop
Rice Mills Products
From: West Sacramento
To: Points within 35 miles
Commodity: Rice hulls
Minimum Weight: 26,000 lbs.
Rates per 100 pounds:

<u>Over</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>But Not</u> <u>Over</u>	<u>Rate in cents</u> <u>per 100 lbs.</u>
0		3	5-1/2
3		6	6
6		9	7
9		12	8-1/4
12		15	9-1/2
15		18	10-1/2
18		21	11-3/4
21		24	13-1/4
24		27	14-1/4
27		30	15-1/2
30		33	16-3/4
33		36	18-1/4

END OF APPENDIX A