

Decision No. 79701

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of CENTRAL COAST TRUCK SERVICE, INC.,  
a corporation, for authority to  
depart from minimum rates in con-  
nection with certain transportation  
of fresh carrots in bulk to be per-  
formed for Safeway Stores, Inc.

Application No. 53114  
(Filed January 27, 1972)

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Central Coast Truck Service, Inc., a corporation, operates as a highway permit carrier. By this application, it seeks authority to depart from the minimum rates in Minimum Rate Tariff 8 for the transportation of fresh carrots in bulk in collapsible bins on pallets from various points in California to Richmond and Sacramento for Safeway Stores, Incorporated (Safeway) by basing such rates on the net weight of the carrots. It also proposes to return without charge the empty bins and pallets to point of original shipment or such other point or points equidistant or less from point of original destination and intermediate thereto.

Applicant states that it is the primary trucker engaged by Safeway to transport fresh produce in California and that during 1971 it transported over two hundred million pounds of fresh produce for Safeway.

Applicant avers that more efficient utilization of its equipment would be obtained as palletized shipments of carrots can be loaded and unloaded more speedily than similar shipments

in bags. Applicant alleges that the proposed transportation would allow Safeway to utilize this method of shipping during the current shipping season and the shipper would benefit from resulting economies due to better product condition through reduced handling. Applicant asserts that the shipping season for fresh carrots is about to commence and requests that the sought authority be made effective not later than February 14, 1972.

The verified application shows that a copy thereof was mailed to California Trucking Association on or about January 25, 1972. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 28, 1972.

The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the application and recommends that, in view of the urgent need for the sought rate relief, it be granted by ex parte order on an interim basis pending decision on evidence to be adduced at a public hearing.

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 to the extent hereinafter indicated. A future hearing will be scheduled in this proceeding.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Central Coast Truck Service, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to transport fresh carrots in bulk in collapsible

bins on pallets for Safeway Stores, Incorporated, from various points in California to Richmond and Sacramento and to return without charge the empty bins and pallets to point of original shipment or such other point or points equidistant or less from point of original destination and intermediate thereto, at the rates and subject to the conditions specified in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

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.

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

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Diego, California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1972.

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Chairman  
*William J. Simon*  
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*John L. Sturgeon*  
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Commissioners

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

APPENDIX A

CENTRAL COAST TRUCK SERVICE. INC.

SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM RATES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF  
CARROTS TO RICHMOND AND SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA  
FOR SAFEWAY STORES, INCORPORATED

Section 1

Item 10 - Application of Rates

The minimum rates and rules set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff 8 are applicable on all shipments of fresh carrots except as specifically provided in Section 2 herein.

Section 2

Item 20 - Application

Rates in this section are subject to a minimum weight of 42,000 pounds per unit of carrier's equipment utilized, and apply only to carrots, in bulk, in collapsible bins on pallets to Safeway Stores, Incorporated at Richmond and/or Sacramento.

Rates named apply on the net weight of the carrots and include free return of the collapsible bins and pallets when tendered to carrier in shipments of not less than 20,000 pounds to point of original shipment or such other point or points equidistant or less from point of original destination, and intermediate thereto.

Rates named include two (2) hours free time for loading and two (2) hours free time for unloading. Any waiting time beyond this period resulting from any cause not the fault of and beyond the control of the carrier shall be subject to an additional charge as provided in Item 150 of Minimum Rate Tariff 8.

Item 30 - Rates in Cents Per One Hundred Pounds (See Note)

<u>MILES</u>			<u>MILES</u>		
<u>OVER</u>	<u>BUT NOT OVER</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>OVER</u>	<u>BUT NOT OVER</u>	<u>RATES</u>
0	3	20 3/4	190	200	58 3/4
3	5	21 3/4	200	220	61 3/4
5	10	23 3/4	220	240	63 3/4
10	15	24 3/4	240	260	65 3/4
15	20	26 3/4	260	280	67 3/4
20	25	27 3/4	280	300	70 3/4
25	30	28 3/4	300	325	75
30	35	31	325	350	78
35	40	32	350	375	81
40	45	33	375	400	84
45	50	34	400	425	89
50	60	36 1/2	425	450	92
60	70	38	450	475	95
70	80	39	475	500	98
80	90	40	500	525	102
90	100	41 1/2	525	550	105
100	110	44	550	575	108
110	120	46	575	600	110
120	130	47 1/2	600	625	112
130	140	49	625	650	114
140	150	51	650	675	117
150	160	53 3/4	675	700	119
160	170	54 3/4	For distances over 700 miles add for each 25 miles or fraction thereof 2 3/4		
170	180	56 3/4			
180	190	57 3/4			

NOTE - The above rates include charges for mechanical refrigeration. All applicable surcharges in Minimum Rate Tariff 8 shall be applied to the rates in this item.

(END OF APPENDIX A)