ORIGINAL

Decision No. 79869

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation
into the rates, rules, regulations,
charges, allowances and practices of all)
highway carriers relating to the transportation of fresh or green fruits and >
vegetables and related items (commodities)
for which rates are provided in Minimum)
Rate Tariff 8).

Case No. 5438
Petition for
Modification No. 80
(Filed November 10, 1970)

SECOND INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Minimum Rate Tariff 8 (MRT 8) contains minimum rates for the transportation of fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts and empty containers between points in California.

Decision No. 78595, dated April 20, 1971, increased the rates in MRT 8 to reflect increased wage costs incurred by highway carriers. Said decision established, with minor exceptions, interim surcharges of 14 percent on charges on shipments computed on minimum weights of 20,000 pounds and over and 16 percent on all other charges. These surcharges are scheduled to expire with April 1, 1972.

By its Fourth Amendment to Petition 80, California Trucking Association requests that the aforementioned surcharges be increased approximately 5 percent to a single surcharge of 20 percent.

A decision relative to the Fourth Amendment to Petition 80 may not reasonably be expected to be issued prior to April 1, 1972, when the established interim surcharges are scheduled to expire. In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the present expiration date of said MRT 8 interim surcharges should be extended pending the issuance of a said decision in the matter. The Commission concludes that Minimum Rate Tariff 8 should be amended accordingly.

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Minimum Rate Tariff 8 (Appendix C of Decision No. 33977, as amended) is hereby further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective April 2, 1972, Supplement No. 33, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
- 2. Tariff publications required to be made by common carriers as a result of the order herein shall be made effective not earlier than April 2, 1972, on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public.
- 3. In all other respects, Decision No. 33977, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of March, 1972.

Commissioners

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

SPECIAL INCKEASE SUPPLEMENT

SUPPLIEMENT 33

(Cancels Supplement 32)

(Supplements 29 and 33 Contain All Changes)

TO

MINIMUM RATE TARIFF 8

NAMING

MINIMUM RATES AND ROLES

FOR THE

TRANSPORTATION OF FRESH FRUITS,

FRESH VEGETABLES AND EMPTY

CONTAINERS OVER THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

BETWEEN POINTS IN THE STATE OF

CALIFORNIA AS DESCRIBED HEREIN

BY

RADIAL HIGHWAY COMMON CARRIERS

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HIGHWAY CONTRACT CARRIERS

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EFFECTIVE

& (E) APPLICATION OF SURCHARGES

Except as otherwise provided, compute the amount of charges in accordance with the rates and rules in this tariff (including any surcharges otherwise applicable) and increase the amount so computed as follows:

- (a) By fourteen (14) percent on charges computed upon rates which are subject to minimum weights of 20,000 pounds, and greater; and
- (b) By mixtoen (16) percent on all-other rates and charges (see Exception).

EXCEPTION. -- The surcharges herein shall not apply to deductions from rates or to Collect on Delivery (C.O.D.) services, nor to surcharges applicable to deliveries at Golden Gate Produce Terminal and to San Francisco Produce Terminal as set forth in Supplement 29.

THE END

& Change, Decision No.

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[&]amp; (M) Expires upon further order of the Commission.