

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 79887

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PROVISIONER's FROZEN)
 EXPRESS, INC. for authority to)
 publish commodity rates on Blood)
 Plasma, frozen, from San Francisco)
 to Los Angeles, California, for)
 United Biologics, Inc.)

Application No. 52874
 (Filed September 20, 1971;
 Amended February 25, 1972)

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 Inc., applicant.

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 Association, interested party.

John L. Glovka, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Provisioner's Frozen Express, Inc., operates as a highway contract carrier, and also holds interstate operating rights. It transports frozen blood plasma from Seattle, Portland, Sacramento, Stockton and San Francisco to Los Angeles. By this application it seeks authority to charge less than the applicable minimum rates on the California intrastate shipments.

Public hearing was held in San Francisco on January 11, 1972, before Examiner Turpen. The original application sought authority only from San Francisco. At the hearing, authority was also sought from Sacramento and Stockton. Applicant was directed to file an amendment to the application. The application was submitted on the filing of such amendment on February 25, 1972.

Applicant uses special refrigerated equipment keeping the temperature below zero degrees. It picks up shipments at Seattle, Portland, and then at Sacramento, Stockton and San Francisco for delivery at Los Angeles. Under its interstate rights it charges rates of \$15.14, any quantity, and \$7.57, minimum weight 5000 pounds, per 100 pounds from both Seattle and Portland to Los Angeles. The California minimum rates are considerably higher, and applicant seeks

authority to charge the same rates from California origins as it charges from Seattle and Portland. Although applicant does not show specific costs from San Francisco, it did present evidence that revenues for the entire haul from Seattle to Los Angeles is profitable. It thus follows that the shorter intrastate haul would be profitable.

The Commission finds that the proposed rates are reasonable. We conclude that the requested authority should be granted for a one-year period. As the transportation is now being performed, the authority will be made effective on the date hereof.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Provisioner's Frozen Express, Inc., is authorized to charge rates less than the minimum rates otherwise applicable for the transportation of frozen blood plasma, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

2. The authority herein granted shall expire one year after the effective date hereof.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of APRIL, 1972.

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Chairman
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Commissioners

APPENDIX A

CARRIER: Provisioner's Frozen Express, Inc.

SHIPPER: United Biologics, Inc.

FROM: Sacramento, Stockton, San Francisco

TO: Los Angeles

COMMODITY: Blood Plasma, frozen, in packages

RATE:	<u>Cents per 100 lbs.</u>	<u>Minimum Weight</u>
	1514	Any Quantity
	757	5000 lbs.

Not subject to refrigeration charges
named in Items 185 and 186 of Minimum
Rate Tariff 2, nor to the surcharges
in Supplements 75 and 83 of Minimum
Rate Tariff 2.