

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 80531

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 connection with )  
certain transportation of fresh )  
produce and nuts on pallets to be )  
performed for Safeway Stores, )  
Incorporated. )

Application No. 53551  
(Filed August 28, 1972)

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 80067, dated May 16, 1972, in Application No. 53272, this Commission authorized Central Coast Truck Service, Inc. (Coast), a corporation, to depart from the minimum rates and rules set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff 8 (MRT 8) for the transportation of fresh fruits, nuts and vegetables on pallets from points in California to Richmond and Sacramento. Specifically, Coast is authorized to make an incentive allowance of \$17.50 per truckload to be deducted from resulting freight charges on shipments subject to the rates in Item 300 (based on minimum weights of not less than 40,000 pounds) or Item 335 of MRT 8.

By this application, Coast seeks to amend the current authority by adding Santa Fe Springs as a point of destination.

Applicant states that during the period that Application No. 53272 was filed and the date Decision No. 80067, supra, was issued, labor negotiations were being held in Southern California; therefore, Santa Fe Springs was not included in the original

application. It asserts that the granting of the sought relief is necessary to keep Santa Fe Springs from being at an economic disadvantage with the other Safeway Distribution Centers in Richmond and Sacramento.

Data submitted by applicant indicate that the proposed rates may reasonably be expected to be profitable for the transportation involved.

The verified application shows that copies thereof were mailed to interested parties on or about August 28, 1972. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 29, 1972. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis of the application indicates that the conditions which justified Decision No. 80067, supra, also exist herein and that the proposal will result in a rate reduction to the shipper and a greater net revenue to the carrier due to reductions in the carrier's unloading costs. Inasmuch as the conditions surrounding the transportation involved may change and there is an urgent need for the sought relief, the staff recommends that the application be granted by ex parte order to expire May 16, 1973.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that applicant's proposal is reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Central Coast Truck Service, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to depart from minimum rates and rules set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff 8 for the transportation of fresh fruits, nuts and vegetables on pallets from points in California to Santa Fe Springs as more specifically set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. The authority hereinabove granted shall expire May 16, 1973, unless sooner canceled, modified or extended by order of the Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1972.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
Carl J. [illegible]  
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Commissioners

APPENDIX A

SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM RATES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION  
OF FRESH FRUITS, NUTS AND VEGETABLES ON PALLETS 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 fruits, nuts and vegetables except as provided in Section 2 herein.

Section 2

Item 20 - Application

Shipments rated to Santa Fe Springs under Items 300 and 335 of the Minimum Rate Tariff 8 are entitled to an incentive allowance of \$17.50 per truckload, to be deducted from freight charges after all charges including surcharges have been computed, when all the following conditions are met:

- 1) All items contained in the truckload are fully palletized.
- 2) Each unit of carrier's equipment used to transport commodities rated under Items 300 and 335, Minimum Rate Tariff 8, shall be subject to minimum weights of not less than 40,000 pounds and 43,000 pounds, respectively.

(END OF APPENDIX A)