

Decision No. 80557

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of BUCKS TRUCKS for
authority to deviate from the
minimum rate for transportation
of natural almond meal, item
141720, for California Almond
Growers Exchange, pursuant to
provisions of PUC Code
Section 3666.

Application No. 53520
(Filed August 11, 1972)

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Bucks Trucks, a corporation, operates as a highway contract carrier. By this application it seeks authority to charge less than the minimum rates for the transportation of natural almond meal between Union City and Sacramento for California Almond Growers Exchange. Applicant seeks authority to assess a rate of 40 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight of 40,000 pounds, compared to the minimum rate of 70 cents per 100 pounds. Applicant states that loading and unloading will be done by the shipper.

Exhibits attached to the application show that the transportation can be conducted at a profit. It appears that the authority should be granted on a temporary basis pending a hearing.

The verified application shows that a copy thereof was mailed to the California Trucking Association on August 10, 1972. The application was listed on the Commission's daily calendar of August 14, 1972.

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 rate is reasonable. In view of the existing conditions, the Commission concludes that applicant should be granted interim authority for a period of six months. A future hearing will be scheduled in this proceeding.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Bucks Trucks, a corporation, is authorized to transport natural almond meal for California Almond Growers Exchange between Union City and Sacramento at a rate less than the applicable minimum rate, but not less than 40 cents per 100 pounds, minimum weight 40,000 pounds.

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 Francisco, California, this 3rd
day of OCTOBER, 1972.

Samuel L. Sturgeon
President
William J. Sturgeon
Secretary
Alvin J. Sturgeon
Commissioners