

Decision No. 80642

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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 rates, )  
rules and regulations of Minimum )  
Rate Tariff No. 2 under the pro- )  
visions of the Highway Carrier's )  
Act, on transportation for )  
Spreckels Sugar Division, Amstar )  
Corporation. )

Application No. 53505  
(Filed August 4, 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 2 (MRT 2) for the transportation of sugar, in packages, for Spreckels Sugar Division, Amstar Corporation, from Spreckels to points in California by (1) providing for an allowance of 5 cents per 100 pounds when the shipments are loaded by the shipper without expense to the carrier and (2) returning the empty pallets to the shipper without charge.

Applicant states that the present rate structure of MRT 2 includes the cost of loading by the carrier and the shipper involved herein has

undertaken the loading of the carrier's vehicles under either of the following circumstances: (1) with power equipment furnished and used without expense to the carrier and when no services are performed at carrier expense or by carrier personnel; or (2) when carrier's trailer or semitrailer is left for loading without the presence of carrier's employees or motive power. Applicant avers that the proposed allowance for loading of its equipment by the consignor would have no adverse effect on its revenue and would encourage the shipper to continue and develop this more efficient method of loading to the mutual benefit of all parties concerned.

Attached to the application as Exhibit B is a statement showing the actual revenue derived from shipments of sugar, in packages, which moved from the consignor's facility at Spreckels to points in California during the period of April 8, 1972 through June 6, 1972. The statement also shows (1) the revenue which would accrue to applicant under the proposed rates; (2) the savings in driver labor costs which applicant would experience; (3) the driver cost for dropping empty trailer or semitrailer; (4) the net additional revenue which applicant would receive as a result of loading by the shipper; and (5) the transportation involved may reasonably be expected to be profitable.

The verified application shows that copies thereof were mailed to interested parties on or about August 4, 1972. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 8, 1972. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis of the application indicates 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. The staff recommends that the application 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 the evidence which may be adduced at a public hearing, the Commission finds that the proposed rates are reasonable. 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 depart from the minimum rates and rules set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff 2 for the transportation of sugar, in packages, from Spreckels to points in California as more specifically set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. The authority hereinabove granted 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 is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1972.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
/s/ Commissioners

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

APPENDIX A

CARRIER: CENTRAL COAST TRUCK SERVICE, INC.

SHIPPER: SPRECKELS SUGAR DIVISION OF AMSTAR CORPORATION

COMMODITY: Sugar, in packages

FROM: Spreckels, California

TO: Points in California

RATES: Rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff 2 applicable on shipments of sugar weighing 10,000 lbs. or more, less an allowance of 5 cents per 100 pounds when shipments are loaded by shipper without expense to carrier under one of the following circumstances:

- a) By the consignor with power equipment furnished and used without expense to the carrier and when no services are performed at carrier expense or by carrier personnel.
- b) By the consignor when the carrier's equipment is a trailer or semi-trailer left for loading without the presence of carrier's employees.

NOTE 1: When palletized shipments of sugar are transported under rates named herein, the empty pallets shall be returned free.

NOTE 2: All other applicable provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff 2 shall apply except that Items 200 to 241 shall not apply.

(END OF APPENDIX A)