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Decision No. 82784

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of BUCKS TRUCKS for  
renewal of 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. 54737  
(Filed March 18, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 81091 dated February 23, 1973 in Application No. 53520, Bucks Trucks, applicant, was granted authority to charge less than the otherwise governing minimum rates for the transportation of natural almond meal between Union City and Sacramento for the California Almond Growers Exchange. The authority expired as of March 31, 1974. Applicant now requests that the authority granted by Decision No. 81091 be reinstated and extended for another one-year period.

Minimum Rate Tariff 2 provides a Class 70 distance class rate, minimum weight 30,000 pounds, for the transportation of natural almond meal between Union City and Sacramento. The transportation is also subject to a Central Coastal Territory surcharge.

In justification for the sought relief applicant has submitted copies of its latest available balance sheet dated June 30, 1973 and income statement for the 12-month period ended June 30, 1973. The financial statements indicate that applicant's overall operations are profitable. It is explained that the favorable transportation conditions experienced by applicant in the one-way and round-trip movements of natural almond meal between Union City and Sacramento upon which the authority granted by Decision No. 81091 is predicated still obtain.

The Commission finds that the reinstatement and requested extension of the authority granted applicant in Decision No. 81091 has been shown to be justified and reasonable. It is concluded that the authority granted by Decision No. 81091 should be extended as amended by the order herein. Since transportation conditions may change, the extended authority should be made subject to an expiration date of March 31, 1975.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Bucks Trucks is authorized to transport natural almond meal for the California Almond Growers Exchange between Union City and Sacramento at a rate less than the applicable minimum rate named in Minimum Rate Tariff 2, but not less than the Class 35.2 distance rate, minimum weight 40,000 pounds per unit of equipment used, and applicable Central Coastal Territory surcharge. Such authority is limited to shipments of natural almond meal, in boxes, palletized, that are loaded and unloaded with forklift equipment by and at the expense of the California Almond Growers Exchange.

2. The authority granted herein shall expire March 31, 1975 unless sooner canceled, modified, or extended by order of the Commission.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of APRIL, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
William J. Sturgeon, Jr.  
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Commissioners