

Decision No. 83975

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the operations, rates and practices of Union Transportation Company, a California corporation; Interpace Corporation, a foreign corporation; Vita Bark Division of D G Shelter Products Company, a California corporation and Johns-Manville Products Corporation, a foreign corporation.

Case No. 9825

AMENDED ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION

It appearing that Union Transportation Company, a California corporation, hereinafter referred to as respondent Union, whose mailing address is Post Office Box 2347, Sacramento, California, is engaged in the business of transporting property over the public highways of this State for compensation, holding a Radial Highway Common Carrier Permit issued August 1, 1947, a Highway Contract Carrier Permit issued August 1, 1947, a Dump Truck Carrier Permit issued January 7, 1970 and a Cement Carrier Certificate granted by Resolution 13821, Sub. No. 19 on June 23, 1964 in Application No. 46450; and

It further appearing that respondent Union may have violated Sections 3664, 3667, 3668 and 3737 of the Public Utilities Code as a highway permit carrier; and

It further appearing that Interpace Corporation, a foreign corporation, whose California agent is United States Corporation Company, 6430 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 1216, Los Angeles, California; D G Shelter Products Company, Vita Bark Division, a California corporation, Number 1 Maritime Plaza, San Francisco, California; Johns-Manville Products Corporation, whose California

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agent is Prentice-Hill Corporation System, Inc., Number 1 Maritime Plaza, Suite 950, Alcoa Building, San Francisco, California, hereinafter referred to as respondent shippers, having received service from respondent Union over the public highways of this State for compensation and as such are shippers of property; and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that an investigation on the Commission's own motion is hereby instituted into the highway permit operations, rates and practices of respondent Union for the purpose of determining:

1. Whether respondent Union has violated Sections 3664, 3667, 3668 and 3737 of the Public Utilities Code by charging less than the minimum rates as set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, including its failure to comply with the requirements of rules established in Items 210, 172, 255, 70 and 60 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 for said operations.

2. Whether respondent shippers have paid less than the applicable rates and charges for the transportation performed by respondent Union.

3. Whether respondents Interpace Corporation and D G Shelter Products Company, Vita Bark Division, have violated Section 3669 of the Public Utilities Code by seeking to obtain or obtaining transportation of property at less than the applicable minimum rates and charges.

4. Whether any sum of money is now due and owing to respondent Union from respondent shippers.

5. Whether respondent Union should be ordered to collect from respondent shippers, or from any other person liable therefor, the difference between the charges collected and the charges due under the aforementioned tariffs.

6. Whether respondent Union should be ordered to cease and desist from any and all unlawful operations and practices.

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7. Whether the operating authority of respondent Union as a highway permit carrier should be canceled, revoked or suspended, or as an alternative whether a fine should be imposed pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 3774.

8. Whether a fine in the amount of the undercharges should be imposed pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 3800.

9. Whether any other order or orders that may be appropriate should be entered in the lawful exercise of the Commission's jurisdiction.

The scope of the above investigation includes, but is not limited to, the following transportation:

Freight Bill No.	Date	Freight Bill No.	Date
1498 1499 1563	7/25/73 7/30/73 8/ 1/73	3041 3088 3089	12 6/73 12 7/73
1692 1693	8/ 8/73 8/ 8/73	3198 3202	12/11/73 12/19/73 12/19/73
1694 1695 1634	8/ 8/73 8/ 8/73 8/10/73	3273 3264 3268	12/20/73 12/28/73 1/ 3/74
1690 1822 2085	8/15/73 8/22/73	3348 3287	1/ 9/74 1/10/74
2038 2123	8/30/73 9/11/73 9/18/73	3296 3291 3292	1/11/74 1/11/74 1/11/74
2210 2051 2262	9/27/73 9/13/73 10/ 1/73	3294 3306 3318	1/11/74 1/11/74 1/15/74
2307 2430 2323	10/ 2/73 10/ 2/73	3319 3324	1/15/74 1/15/74
2426 2519	10/ 3/73 10/ 5/73 10/11/73	3350 3454 3331	1/15/74 1/16/74 1/16/74
2538 2692 2579	10/19/73 10/19/73 10/26/73	3335 3336 3337	1/17/74 1/17/74
2661 2958 3042	10/30/73 11/27/73 12/ 4/73	3354 3355 3356	1/17/74 1/18/74 1/18/74 1/18/74

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Freight Bill No.	Date	Freight Bill No.	Date
3386	1/21/74	3744	2/28/74
3374	1/21/74	3742	3/ 1/74
3393	1/22/74	3766	3/ 4/74
3376	1/22/74	3774	3/ 5/74
3377	1/22/74	3780	3/ 7/74
3378	1/22/74	3786	3/ 7/74
3394	1/24/74	3812	3/11/74
3395	1/24/74	3810	3/12/74
3396	1/24/74	3823	3/13/74
3448	1/28/74	3927	3/13/74
3642	2/11/74	3876	3/14/74
3600	2/12/74	3875	3/18/74
3641	2/14/74	3933	3/21/74
3749	2/20/74	3902	3/25/74
3748	2/21/74	3934	3/26/74
3727	2/21/74	4012	4/ 2/74
3673	2/22/74	3960	4/ 2/74
3696	2/25/74	3964	4/ 3/74
3703	2/26/74	4014	4/ 4/74
3709	2/27/74	4073	4/ 8/74
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Public hearing in said investigation shall be held before such Commissioner or Examiner, and at a time and place to be hereafter designated.

The Secretary is directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be personally served upon respondent Union Transportation Company.

The Secretary is further directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be mailed forthwith to the shipper respondents.

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