

Decision No. 84342**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application under Section 3666 of the
Public Utilities Code of West Trans-
portation, Inc., a corporation, for
authority to deviate from the four-
hour minimum charge provision in
Item 51, paragraph (e)(6) of Minimum
Rate Tariff No. 15 in connection with
transportation of commodities for
Kaiser Steel Corporation from Benicia
to Vallejo, California.

Application No. 55448
(Filed January 20, 1975)

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Charles D. Gilbert and H. W. Hughes,
for California Trucking
Association, interested party.

O P I N I O N

West Transportation, Inc. (West) holds radial highway common carrier and highway contract carrier permits. It here seeks authority to deviate from the four-hour minimum charge provision set forth in Item 51, paragraph (e)(6) of Minimum Rate Tariff 15 (MRT 15) in connection with certain transportation performed for Kaiser Steel Corporation (Kaiser). West wishes to charge on an actual time basis.

Public hearing was held before Examiner O'Leary at San Francisco on March 10, 1975 at which time the matter was submitted.

Kaiser is presently constructing a new marine facility at Vallejo, California, which will be used primarily for the construction of offshore drilling platforms. These offshore drilling platforms have living quarters which Kaiser must complete and furnish so they can be operated and occupied as they stand.

Kaiser has already acquired thousands of items needed to complete these platforms, including such items as metalwork, insulation, panelling, electrical wiring and appliances, flooring, furniture, etc., and these items are presently stored at a warehouse in Benicia.

Kaiser will be shipping material on a regular basis from the Benicia warehouse to its Vallejo facility.

Kaiser's new marine facility is located about one and one-half blocks from West's terminal in Vallejo. The round-trip mileage from Vallejo to Benicia is sixteen miles. Experience with respect to three recent shipments of construction material from Benicia to Vallejo indicates an average time consumed per load of two hours. The transportation involved will not require any capital expenditure for new equipment on the part of West nor will additional personnel be required. Loading and unloading of all shipments will be performed by personnel of Kaiser. West and Kaiser estimate that the subject transportation will have a duration of approximately two years.

Revenue and expense data (Exhibit 5) submitted by West disclose that the transportation will be compensatory.

The Commission finds that West's proposal is reasonable. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

Since the conditions surrounding the transportation may change at any time the authority granted in the ensuing order will be made to expire at the end of one year unless sooner canceled, changed, or extended by order of the Commission.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. West Transportation, Inc. is authorized to deviate from the provisions of Item 51, paragraph (e)(6) of Minimum Rate Tariff 15 in connection with transportation between Kaiser Steel Corporation's warehouse at Benicia and Kaiser Steel Corporation's marine facility at Vallejo.

2. The authority herein granted shall expire one year after the effective date of this order unless sooner canceled, changed, or extended by the Commission.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd
day of APRIL, 1975.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William Synovitz
Leonard Ross
Robert Buttermilk
Commissioners