Decision No. <u>85845</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF C

Application of TONY LUCCHETTI, individually and doing business as RODEWAY TRANSPORT, for authority under Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California to deviate from the minimum rates for the transportation of bottles for PEPSI-COLA BOTTLING CO.

Application No. 56196 (Filed January 13, 1976)

INTERIM OPINION

Applicant Tony Lucchetti, a highway permit carrier doing business as Rodeway Transport, seeks authority to deviate from the minimum rates for the transportation of glass bottles from points in Los Angeles, Orange, and Fresno Counties to Sacramento, Emeryville, Santa Rosa, and Sunnyvale for the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Emeryville. A rate of 97 cents per cwt, minimum weight 40,000 pounds, is proposed.

According to the application the current minimum rate is 127 cents per cwt. Applicant's estimates indicate that a saving to Pepsi-Cola Bottling CO. Of S110 per shipment will result by the granting of this application. Applicant expects an average of 10 loads per month. The estimates of cost of performing the service indicate that the operation will be profitable at the proposed rate level.

Yandell Truckaway, Inc. (Yandell) and California Trucking Association (CTA) protested the application and requested public hearing. Yandell recited certain alleged deficiencies in the application, to which applicant responded in a letter dated April 14, 1976. We do not believe that allegations made by Yandell are such that irreparable harm will result by granting interim authority pending public hearing. We also note that Yandell has authority similar to that sought here.

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It would appear that undue hardship may result by further delay of this matter; therefore, the order that follows will be made effective on this day.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Tony Luchetti, doing business as Rodeway Transport, is authorized to depart from the minimum rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff 2 by charging those rates set forth in Appendix A of this decision. This authority does not include any deviation from any rates, rules, or regulations except as specifically set forth in Appendix A.

2. The authority 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 on this application at a date to be set.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof. Dated at <u>Sen Francisco</u>, California, this <u>18th</u> day of <u>MAY</u>, 1976.

Commissioners

APPENDIX A

From: Points in Los Angeles, Orange, and Fresno Counties. To: Sacramento, Emeryville, Santa Rosa, and Sunnyvale. For: Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Emeryville. Commodity: Glass bottles with tops and demijohns or jars. Rate: 97 cents per cwt. Minimum Weight: 40,000 pounds.

This authority is subject to the following condition:

If subhaulers are employed, they shall be paid no less than the rates authorized herein.