Decision No. <u>86145</u>



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of J. S. SHAFER, JR., for authority, pursuant to Provisions of Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code, to depart from the minimum rates, rules and regulations of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 17-A.

Application No. 55672 (Filed May 6, 1975; amended May 29, September 17, and October 17, 1975 and March 12 and May 26, 1976)

FIFTH INTERIM OPINION

By Decision No. 84531, as amended, applicant J. S. Shafer, Jr., was temporarily authorized to provide transportation services from Owl Rock Company (Owl) and Conrock to Griffith Company at rates less than the minimum rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff 17-A. Public hearing was held October 17, 1975 and April 6 and 12, 1976. The matter was submitted subject to the filing of concurrent briefs.

By amendment to the application filed May 26, 1976, applicant seeks interim authority to add the plant of Azusa Western as a third origin point at a proposed rate of \$2.08¹/ per ton and to set aside submission of this matter for receipt of further evidence pertaining to the service proposed from Azusa Western to Griffith Company. After three to four months, applicant proposes to file a verified statement with exhibits at which time the matter may be taken under submission for final determination.

The transportation service from Azusa Western is the same as that provided from Owl and Conrock, except for the point of origin. The same underlying carriers will be employed, and it would appear that the cost of providing this service can be expected to be the same per unit of distance and time as occurs from Owl and Conrock. Temporary authority should be granted.

1/ The current applicable minimum rate is \$2.27 per ton.

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Submission of this application will be set aside only as to the service which will be authorized by the order that follows. A separate order will be issued which will dispose of the issues involved in the Owl and Conrock operations.

In order to permit applicant time to gather sufficient operating data, upon which final determination may be made, the effective date of this order should be the date it is signed.

FIFTH INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. J. S. Shafer, Jr., is authorized to depart from the minimum rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff 17-A 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 December 31, 1976 unless sooner canceled, modified, or extended by order of the Commission.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof. Dated at <u>San Francisco</u>, California, this <u>19</u>^{TL} day of <u>JULY</u>, 1976.

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Commissioner Leonard Ross, being necessarily absont, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Robert Batinovich. being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

APPENDIX A

Shipper: Griffith Company, Wilmington, California.

<u>Commodities</u>: Rock, sand, and gravel as described in Item 60, Minimum Rate Tariff 17-A.

From: Azusa Western, Azusa. Production Area 19-G.

To: Griffith Company, Wilmington Delivery Zone 19245.

<u>Rate</u>: \$2.08 per ton.

- <u>Conditions</u>: (a) Charges to underlying carriers for trailer rental shall be 25 percent of the rate authorized herein in connection with transportation services performed by such underlying carriers under the authority described above.
 - (b) Other than the authority described above, all other provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff 17-A shall apply.