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Decision No. 88100 NOV 8 1977

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the operations, rates, charges and practices of S. J. STEEL TRANSPORTATION, INC., a California corporation; DOUELLE TRUCKING CO., a California corporation; ANIMAL FOODS CO., a Nevada corporation; BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; THE FLINTKOTE CO., a Massachusetts corporation; KAISER STEEL CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation; SAN JOSE STEEL COMPANY, INC., a California corporation; and those individuals, partnerships and corporations listed in Attachment A, attached hereto.

Case No. 9786

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION NO. 86779

Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision No. 86779 dated December 31, 1976 directed S. J. Steel Transportation, Inc. (SJST) to pay to each of the carriers listed in Appendix A of the decision the amount of the undercharges shown therein as due such carriers on or before March 28, 1977. The total amount of the undercharges to be paid is \$11,086.46 less certain deductions. SJST has paid \$9,021.24 of this amount. Checks for the remaining amounts were mailed by SJST to the last known addresses of the carriers to whom the balance of the undercharges were owed but have been returned to it as undeliverable.

SJST's attorney has requested advice as to the acceptable disposition of the returned checks. The Commission staff is of the opinion that SJST is reasonably attempting to comply with the directive to pay the undercharges.

We are of the opinion that the time within which SJST is required by Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision No. 86779 to make the payments to the remaining carriers whom it is having difficulty locating

should be extended to June 30, 1978. SJST shall proceed diligently and in good faith to take all reasonable measures to locate these carriers and pay them the amounts due as required by Ordering Paragraph 5 of the decision. This shall include, in addition to other reasonable efforts, the prompt placement of a notice in a trade publication of general circulation that these carriers are likely to subscribe to, or have access to, such as the publication issued by the Associated Independent Owner-Operators, Inc., requesting them to contact SJST at its or Doudell Trucking Co's. (Doudell) business address and advising them that money is due them. The notice should be published a minimum of three times. We will direct SJST to file written reports on the first Monday of each month commencing with January 1978 of the further action it has taken to locate the unpaid carriers, the names of these carriers that have been located and the amounts paid to them, and the names of those carriers remaining to be paid and the amounts due them.

Copies of this order will be served by first class mail on SJST and Doudell and on the carriers for whom SJST is holding returned checks at the last known addresses in our records for these carriers.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The time within which S. J. Steel Transportation, Inc. is required by Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision No. 86779 to make payments to the remaining carriers, listed in Appendix A. to the decision, whom it is having difficulty locating is extended to June 30, 1978.

2. S. J. Steel Transportation, Inc. shall file a written report with the Commission on the first Monday of each month commencing with January 1978 of the further action it has taken to make the remaining payments, those remaining payments that have been made, and those remaining to be made.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th  
day of NOVEMBER, 1977.

Robert Bateman  
President  
William J. Quinn, Jr.  
James L. Stagg  
Richard D. Smith  
Commissioners

Commissioner Claire E. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.