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Decision No. <u>89436</u> SEP 191978 BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF

BBD TRANSPORTATION CO., INC.,

for authority to deviate from minimum rates pursuant to Section 3666 of the California Public Utilities Code for the transportation of aluminum ingots for U.S. REDUCTION CO.

Application No. 58273 (Filed August 2, 1978)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, BBD Transportation Co., Inc., seeks authority to deviate from minimum rates for the transportation of aluminum ingots from the plant of U.S. Reduction Co. located at the City of Fontana to points in California.

Applicant states the proposed transportation is a volume operation consisting of about 45 truckloads per month for a total monthly volume of approximately two million pounds. Applicant declares that the ingots are placed on pallets and loaded on 40 foot flat rack trailers with a forklift by shipper and unloaded by the same method by consignee. According to applicant, shipper also provides a scale on its premises relieving applicant of the necessity of weighing the load at a public scale off regular freeway routes and thus saving applicant labor, time, fuel and other operational costs.

Applicant indicates it regularly engages in southbound shipments for U.S. Steel from Pittsburg, and such shipments will provide a regular return movement to work in conjunction with the sought aluminum ingot authority.

Applicant alleges that the present rates for the involved transportation are provided in Minimum Rate Tariff 2, under the Truckload Efficiency Service set forth in Item 293.4, and are based

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on Class 35. Applicant proposes to charge a rate based on Class 35.3 for distances from 0 to 375 miles and from over 500 to 550 miles, and Class 35.4 rates from over 375 to 500 miles as set forth in Item 293.4 of Minimum Rate Tariff 2 with a minimum weight of 50,000 pounds per shipment.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 7, 1978. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Revenue and expense data submitted by the applicant indicate that the transportation involved may reasonably be expected to be profitable under the proposed rates.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the applicant's proposal is reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order, and the effective date of this order should be the date hereof because there is an immediate need for this relief.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. BBD Transportation Co., Inc., a corporation, is authorized to perform the transportation shown in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof at not less than the ratings set forth therein.

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

3. BBD Transportation, Inc. is hereby authorized to depart from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 461.5 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to exercise the authority granted herein.

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The effective date of this order is the date hereof. Dated at <u>San Francisco</u>, California, this <u>1944</u> day of <u>SEPTFMRFR</u>, 1978.

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

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APPENDIX A

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Carrier: BBD Transportation Co., Inc.

Commodity: Aluminum ingots

Shipper: U.S. Reduction Co.

From: Fontana

To: Points in California

Ratings:

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Over	Not Over	Class
0	375	35.3
375.	500	35.4
500	550	35.3

(See Item 293.4 of Minimum Rate Tariff 2 for schedule of rates.)

Minimum Weight: 50,000 pounds per unit of carrier's equipment. Conditions:

1. Ingots to be loaded on pallets by shipper.

- 2. Pallets to be loaded by forklift by shipper.
- 3. Pallets to be unloaded by forklift by consignee.
- 4. Shipments to be weighed on scales provided by shipper.
- 5. In the event subhaulers are employed, they shall be paid no less than the rates authorized herein without any deduction for trailing equipment.
- 6. In all other respects, the rates and rules-in Minimum Rate Tariff 2 shall apply.

(END OF APPENDIX A)