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Decision No. 90283 MAY 8 1979

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

HARRIS TRANSPORTATION CO., a Cali- )  
fornia corporation, for authority to )  
deviate from Minimum Rate Tariff 7-A) )  
for the transportation of clay and )  
talc for the account of various )  
shippers, pursuant to Section 3666 )  
of the California Public Utilities )  
Code. )

Application No. 58680  
(Filed February 15, 1979)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Harris Transportation Co., requests authority to deviate from the provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff 7-A by not assessing additional charges for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays when transporting clay and talc, in bulk, from Death Valley to Dunn Siding, Victorville and Los Angeles for Mission Mineral Products, Inc. and Pfizer, Inc.

Applicant states that because of the uniqueness of the area the availability of qualified drivers is more limited than in other areas of California, and such drivers desire more work, not a maximum of five days per week. The problems associated with the employment of competent drivers are unique in the Death Valley area of California. In addition, the subject traffic is tendered to applicant without definite time scheduling; instead applicant is simply advised to handle a specified number of loads within a specified time frame, and the traffic can be handled on weekends at the option of the applicant. Efficiency of operations dictate that it would be more feasible to have latitude to move the traffic on Saturdays and Sundays at applicant's convenience. The result of this would be to reduce the amount of equipment necessary to handle the traffic, and at the same time allow more latitude in

scheduling vehicles and drivers. While overtime is paid to the drivers, the net effect of the overtime is less than the expenses related to the purchase and operation of additional equipment and the fringe benefits for additional drivers, and, therefore, is cost justified.

Data submitted by applicant indicate that the transportation involved may reasonably be expected to be profitable under the proposed rates.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 20, 1979. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that 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 rate relief.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Harris Transportation Co. 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 rates 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.

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The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 87  
day of MAY, 1979.

John E. Gynon  
President  
James L. Sturgeon

Commissioner Richard D. Gravelle, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Richard D. Gravelle  
Commissioners

APPENDIX A

CARRIER: HARRIS TRANSPORTATION CO.

SHIPPERS: Mission Mineral Products, Inc.  
Pfizer, Inc.

COMMODITIES: Clay and talc, in bulk.

ORIGINS: Mines located in Death Valley and Cantil.

DESTINATIONS: Dunn Siding, California and the plant sites of  
Pfizer, Inc., located at 17092 "D" Street,  
Victorville, California and Mission Minerals  
Co., located at 840 South Mission Road, Los  
Angeles, California.

RATES: The provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff 7-A  
shall be applicable, except the additional  
charges for service performed on Saturdays,  
Sundays and holidays, Item 260, MRT 7-A,  
shall not be applicable.

CONDITIONS:

1. Applicant has not indicated that subhaulers will be engaged, nor have any costs of subhaulers been submitted. Therefore, if subhaulers are employed, they shall be paid no less than the rates authorized herein, without any deduction for use of applicant's trailing equipment.
2. In all other respects, the rates and rules in Minimum Rate Tariff 7-A shall apply.

(END OF APPENDIX A)