

Decision No. 18001

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
the San Joaquin Valley Transportation)
Company, F.M.Hodge, L.E.Mershon and)
E.A.Rose, copartners, for permission)
to increase the minimum freight charge)
applying between Los Angeles-Fresno and)
the intermediate points.)

APPLICATION NO. 10803.

F.M.Hodge. in Propria Persona.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

This is an application filed by San Joaquin Valley Transportation Company, seeking permission under Rule 11 of the Commission's General Order No.51 for authority to readjust the minimum freight rate charge applying between Los Angeles-Fresno and the intermediate points.

A hearing was conducted at Los Angeles May 18 by Examiner Geary, and the proceeding having been submitted is now ready for an opinion and order.

Local Freight Tariff No.2, C.R.C.No.3. provides a minimum charge of 50 cents between all points. It is proposed to readjust the items in the Tariff and provide in lieu of the present minimum a charge based on 100 pounds at the Fourth Class rates, but not less than 75 cents.

The testimony showed that the pickup and delivery service at both Los Angeles and Fresno is performed by local

drayage firms and that the charge assessed for the terminal pickup and delivery is in excess of the total charge of 50 cents now being collected by this applicant. Therefore, all of the minimum consignments handled under the present tariff rates are a positive loss to this common carrier. The testimony also showed that but few shipments move under the minimum charge; that all interested parties have been notified of the proposed changes and have interposed no objections.

A witness for applicant was of the opinion that the changes would result in no additional cost to the shippers by reason of the fact that the commodities could be forwarded in larger quantities and move at the per 100 pounds rates.

From the facts developed it is manifest applicant should be given the relief sought.

In view of the circumstances of record in this proceeding we conclude and find that the minimum charge of 50 cents at present in effect between Los Angeles-Fresno and the intermediate points is unjust, unreasonable and insufficient and that the just and reasonable charge between Los Angeles and Fresno is the Fourth Class rate for 100 pounds, with a minimum of 75 cents.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, evidence having been submitted, the Commission being fully advised and basing its order on the findings of fact

set forth in the preceding opinion.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that San Joaquin Valley Transportation Company be authorized to establish, within twenty (20) days from the date of this order, a minimum charge based on the Fourth Class rate per 100 pounds, but not less than 75 cents, to apply between Los Angeles-Fresno and the intermediate points, which minimum charge is found to be just and reasonable.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd
day of June, 1925.

H. B. Brundage

George D. Squire
Brundage
Commissioners.