

Decision No. 15911

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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In the Matter of the Application)
of Martinez-Benicia Ferry and)
Transportation Company for Auth-)
ority to Revise Certain Rates.)

APPLICATION NO. 12324.

A Pometta, for Applicant.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application by Martinez-Benicia Ferry and Transportation Company, a corporation, in accordance with Section 63 of the Public Utilities Act, seeking authority to amend its present Tariff 1-D, C.R.C. No.6, by providing a new schedule of rates for the transportation of automobile trucks and trailers between Martinez and Benicia.

A public hearing was held at San Francisco January 22, 1926, before Examiner Geary, and the case having been duly submitted is now ready for our opinion and order.

Under the present tariff, automobile trucks are charged on a weight basis, under 4000 pounds 94 cents, and 4000 pounds or over \$1.25. It is claimed by applicant that this basis leads to controversy and misunderstanding as to the proper charges applicable

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because weighing facilities are not available to determine the exact weight of the truck, thus resulting in charges disproportionate to the service rendered. The rates applicant proposes would be more in proportion to the service rendered, they basing not upon the claimed weight of the truck, but upon its registered capacity, and graduate from 75 cents for a truck of one-half ton capacity or under, to \$1.50 for trucks of over $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons capacity. There will be changes in the graduated rates for two and four wheel trailers, and minor adjustments in other items, as set forth in the application and the amendment thereto. These adjustments will result in both increases and reductions and are a more equitable method of assessing the charges than in force at the present time.

Applicant's General Manager testified that the proposed schedule of rates is solely for the purpose of providing a more comprehensive method of assessing the charges and if any increased revenue is realized the amount would be negligible.

Upon consideration of all the facts of record we are of the opinion and find that the proposed rates are reasonable and that applicant should be permitted to revise the present rates in its Tariff 1-D, C.R.C. No.6, as set forth in the application and as amended.

O R D E R

This application having been duly heard and submitted, full investigation of the matters and things involved having been had, and basing this order on the findings of fact and the con-

clusions contained in the opinion which is hereby referred to and made a part hereof,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Martinez-Benicia Ferry and Transportation Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to revise the present rates in its Tariff 1-D, as set forth in the application and as amended, subject to the following condition:

That applicant shall file a tariff, within twenty (20) days from the date hereof, setting forth the rates, rules and regulations governing the transportation of the property, which shall be those set forth in the application and the amendment thereto.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of January, 1926.

H. B. Brundage

C. C. Seaver

Leon Whittell
Commissioners.

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