

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 18126

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Lewis A. Monroe, as Agent for H.H.Walker, owner of Walker Transfer and Storage Company, for an Order Authorizing Increases in Certain Class and Commodity Rates.

APPLICATION NO. 13451

H.H.Walker and Lewis A. Monroe, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by Lewis A Monroe as Agent for H.H.Walker, owner of an auto truck line operated under the fictitious name of Walker Transfer and Storage Company, with the principal office at East San Gabriel, seeking authority to increase certain class rates, the minimum charge, and to cancel certain commodity rates resulting in increases.

The operative rights of applicant extend from Los Angeles to Arcadia, including intermediate points.

Public hearing was held before Examiner Geary at Los Angeles March 9, 1927 and the application having been duly submitted is now ready for our opinion and order.

Applicant has in effect the following class rates, shown in cents per 100 pounds:

Between	And	1	2	3	4
Alhambra	Los Angeles Depot	.28	.25	.18	.13
San Gabriel		.30	.25	.20	.15
E. San Gabriel					
Arcadia	Los Angeles Depot	.31	.26	.23	.16
	Los Angeles Zone 1	.33	.28	.25	.18

It is proposed to increase the Fourth Class rates above shown to 15, 17, 17 and 19 cents respectively, and to cancel a rate of 10 cents to Alhambra, San Gabriel and East San Gabriel and a rate of 12½ cents to Arcadia applying to Fourth Class commodities when in lots of one ton or over.

Where the present minimum charge is 35 cents for shipments weighing over 25 pounds it is proposed this charge be increased to 50 cents.

Applicant also has in effect the following Class Rates applying on shipments of three tons or over:

Between	And	1	2	3	4
Los Angeles	(Alhambra	.20	.15	.12½	.10
	(San Gabriel				
	Arcadia	.25	.20	.18	.12½

and at the same time commodity rates on certain articles lower than the corresponding class rates. Some of these commodity rates are to be cancelled entirely, leaving in effect the class rates, while others are to be increased by amounts ranging from 2 cents to 7 cents per 100 pounds.

Traffic tests have been made from time to time and show that the tonnage handled on the special commodity rates is transported at a loss.

Applicant testified that shippers had been fully advised of the proposed increases. No objections were entered at the hearing, notwithstanding that notices were mailed to individuals, Chambers of Commerce and competing lines.

A traffic check presented as applicant's Exhibit "B" and submitted at the hearing, covering the month of October, 1926, shows that had the proposed rates been applied the additional revenue would have totaled \$74.36. Assuming October to be a representative month the total additional revenue accruing to applicant by reason of the proposed increases in rates is stated as \$392.52 per annum.

In justification of the increases as proposed, applicant submitted as Exhibit "C" a financial statement covering a nine months' period, ending September 30, 1926, showing total loss from operations of \$468.22 and by extending these figures for one year an estimate of \$624.29. The total investment is shown as approximately \$8,000.00. Under the proposed rates the net gain from operation would be less than \$300.00.

Upon consideration of all the facts of record we are of the opinion and find that the applicant should be authorized to increase the rates as set forth in the application and that the application should be granted.

ORDER

This application having been duly submitted, full investigation of the matters and things involved having been

had and basing this order on the findings of fact and the conclusions contained in the opinion which precedes this order, which said opinion is made a part hereof,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, E.H.Walker, operating under the fictitious name of Walker Transfer and Storage Company, be, and is, hereby authorized to publish upon not less than ten (10) days' notice to the Commission and to the public, in tariffs constructed in accordance with the rules of the Commission, the rates as proposed and set forth in the application.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of March, 1927.

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 Commissioners.