

Decision No. 233

Decision No. 33  
Before the Railroad Commission  
of the State of California

*Case over routing  
Oct 17, 11.*

In the matter of Supplement No. 4 )  
to Western Classification No. 50. ) No. 216.

DECISION.

October 6th, F. W. Gompf, agent for the Pacific Freight Tariff Bureau, representing various California lines, presented to the Commission for establishment Supplement No. 4 to Western Classification No. 50. This supplement contained many reductions in ratings to be applied under the terms of the classification and several increases, among which were several articles of plumbers' supplies. The principal complaint made by shippers against the establishment of this supplement was the proposed increase on bath tubs, metal or metal and wood combined, which raised the rating from first to double first class. The other changes were of little or no consequence. The bath tubs on which the rating was raised are the cheaper grades of zinc tubs, which <sup>are</sup> very light and bulky and are seldom used in modern houses. The rating on the standard bath tubs, such as iron or steel enameled, remained the same as heretofore, namely: first class. The amendment had many advantages proposed in it, having provided for mixed carload ratings on numerous articles shipped by plumbing supply houses and also a number of reductions in classification on articles other than plumbers' supplies. These proposed changes had been passed upon by the Uniform Classification Committee and the Commission did not have before it sufficient evidence to justify the rejection of the proposed supplement. The supplement became effective on November 1st in all the

territory west of Chicago and the Mississippi River, and the Commission feels that as nearly as practicable the classification should be uniform all over the country, which is the view of the Interstate Commerce Commission in this matter. The Commission, therefore, entered into a stipulation with the carriers represented by the Pacific Freight Tariff Bureau as follows:

"1. If, after investigation, the Commission believes that any of the items shown in said supplement as raising the classification are unreasonable, the carriers will, upon notification by the commission, restore the previously existing classification without contest.

"2. On any of the items in controversy which may be found unreasonable by the commission, the carriers will make reparation to shippers or consignees on all shipments which may have moved between November 6, 1911, and the date on which the former classification may be restored on order of the commission."

In view of this stipulation being agreed to by the carriers, the supplement No. 4 to Western Classification/<sup>No. 50</sup> is hereby established by this Commission to become effective November 24.

In the meantime, the Commission will make a thorough investigation of the reasonableness of the provisions contained in this supplement and if any items are found to be unreasonable will act in accordance with the stipulation entered into.

San Francisco, California,  
November 23<sup>d</sup>, 1911.

Attest:

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Commissioners.