

Decision No. 27642

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY, LOS ANGELES & SALT
LAKE RAILROAD COMPANY, NORTHWESTERN
PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, PACIFIC
ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, SAN DIEGO &
ARIZONA EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY,
SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY and THE
WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, for
authorization to amend items in in-
dividual lines tariffs providing
charge for issuing bill of lading and
checking contents of car, etc., when
switching service only is performed.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 19706.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad Company, Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company, Pacific Electric Railway Company, San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway Company, Southern Pacific Company and The Western Pacific Railroad Company under Section 63 of the Public Utilities Act for authority to amend items in individual lines' tariffs providing a charge for issuing a bill of lading and checking contents of car at loading point and for issuing a delivery receipt and checking contents of car at unloading point when switching service only is performed. The items to be amended are as follows:

Item No. 230-A of Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co.
Tariff No. 8117-N (C.R.C. No. 659)

Item No. 285-C of Los Angeles & Salt Lake R.R. Co.
Tariff No. 7114 (C.R.C. No. 289),

Item No. 100 of Northwestern Pacific R.R. Co.
Tariff No. 4-0 (C.R.C. No. 388),

Item No. 153-C of Pacific Electric Ry. Co.
Tariff No. 2-G (C.R.C. No. 294),

Item No. 82-C of San Diego & Arizona Eastern Ry. Co.
Tariff No. 3-B (C.R.C. No. 69, S.D. & A. series),

Item No. 2110-C of Southern Pacific Company (Pacific
Lines) Tariff No. 230-J (C.R.C. No. 3183),

Item No. 806-C of Western Pacific R.R. Co.
Tariff No. 35-J (C.R.C. No. 245).

The following rule contained in Item 2110-C of Southern
Pacific Company's Terminal Tariff No. 230-J, C.R.C. No. 3183 is
typical of that published by each of the applicants:

"For freight, carloads, on which only a switch
service is performed, Southern Pacific Company (Pacific
Lines) will, on request, check contents of car and
issue straight bill of lading in accordance with such
check, subject to the charges shown in Paragraphs (a)
and (b) below. Order Bills of Lading will not be
issued when switching service only is performed.

(a) Check contents of car at loading point
and issue bill of lading in accordance with such check
at a charge of 10 cents per ton of 2,000 pounds or fraction
thereof, applied to the weight of the shipment.

(b) Check contents of car at unloading point
and issue delivery receipt in accordance with such check
at a charge of 10 cents per ton of 2,000 pounds or fraction
thereof, applied to the weight of the shipment."

It is proposed to amend this rule by (1) omitting the
words "applied to the weight of the shipment" at the end of
paragraph (a) and also at the end of paragraph (b) and (2) in-
serting in lieu of such omissions in each instance the words
"minimum charge \$2.00 per car." The proposed changes will re-
sult in increases in charges on shipments of 19 tons or less.

Applicants point out that under the present wording of
the items the charge on shipments weighing one ton or less if
based on actual weight would amount to but 10 cents. This they
contend does not in many instances pay the street car fare for
the person doing the checking. An investigation made at points
on the line of applicant Southern Pacific Company developed that

the actual cost of checking cars ranges from \$2.00 to \$6.00 per car. The variation is brought about by the fact that it takes longer to load or unload certain articles than others and that the distance between origin or delivery point and applicant's freight house varies.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter not requiring a formal hearing and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled application be and the same is hereby granted.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of January 1935.

Leon O'Connell

M. A. Carr

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COMMISSIONERS.