

Decision No. 30525

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of J. N. Anderson, doing business)
under the firm name and style of)
The J. N. Anderson Theatre Service,) Application No. 21546
for authorization to increase)
rates.)

Knight & Armour, for applicant.
John B. Bertero, for Fox West Coast Theatre Corpora-
tion, an interested party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

By application filed October 26, 1937, applicant, a high-way common carrier, seeks authority to increase his rates for the transportation of motion picture films and theatrical accessories between Los Angeles, Long Beach and intermediate points.

A public hearing was had at Los Angeles before Examiner W. S. Johnson on January 6, 1938.

Applicant's present rates and charges are published in his Local Freight Tariff No. 2, C.R.C. No. 2, and are stated in dollars and cents per week, varying in volume with the number of program changes a given theatre may make each week. The present rates and those proposed are:

(Rates are in Dollars Per Week)

Number of Program Changes Per Week	Present Rates		Proposed Rates	
	* Zone 1	** Zone 2	* Zone 1	** Zone 2
1	\$1.50	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$5.00
2	2.50	3.50	3.50	5.00
3	3.75	5.00	4.00	6.00
4	5.00	6.50	4.50	7.00
5	6.00	7.00	5.00	7.00
6	6.50	7.00	5.00	7.00

* Includes deliveries from and to intermediate points between Los Angeles and Long Beach, Wilmington or San Pedro within a radius of ten miles from the film exchanges in Los Angeles.

** Includes deliveries between Los Angeles and Long Beach, Wilmington or San Pedro and all intermediate points of greater distance than ten miles from the film exchanges in Los Angeles.

In support of the proposed increases applicant testified that his present rates had remained unchanged since 1921, that since that year operating expenses had greatly increased while revenues had decreased. The increased expenses were said to be attributable to increased wages to labor, rising costs of materials, higher taxes and increased insurance premiums. Decreases in revenue (per theatre) were stated to have resulted from a change in policy in the motion picture theatre industry. The record shows that theatres now exhibit what is known as a double bill consisting of two feature pictures and short subjects. This change in policy appears to have reduced substantially the number of program changes per week by the average theatre and to have increased the weight of the shipment transported for each program. As a result of these changes, Anderson testified that it is no longer possible for him to realize operating expenses.¹

No one opposed the granting of the application. The record shows that although applicant notified all of his patrons of the proposed increases none had offered any objection. On the other hand, six of his patrons appeared and testified in support of the proposed increases and some thirteen patrons signed a petition favoring the granting of the application.

The application will be granted.

O R D E R

This matter having been regularly heard and submitted,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that J. N. Anderson, doing business under the firm name and style of The J. N. Anderson Theatre Service, be and he is hereby authorized to file and make effective on not

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Exhibit "A" attached to the application shows that for the period January 1, 1937 to October 1, 1937 applicant suffered an operating loss of \$242.54.

less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and to the public rates, rules and regulations no higher in volume or effect than those set forth in Exhibit "D" attached to the application in this proceeding.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of January, 1938.

Walter H. ...
Leon ...
Frank ...

Ray & Riley
Commissioners.