

Decision No. 41250

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of CHARLES I. DOWD, doing business)
as DOWD'S EXPRESS AND STORAGE, for)
an order authorizing an increase in)
freight rates and charges.)

Application No. 28871

Appearances

Frank Loughran and M. F. Vineyard, for applicant.

O P I N I O N

Charles I. Dowd, doing business as Dowd's Express and Storage, is a highway common carrier of furniture and household goods operating between Mill Valley and San Francisco and Oakland, and between Sausalito and San Rafael including Mill Valley. He operates elsewhere as a permitted carrier. By this application he seeks authority to increase the rates for his highway common carrier operation an average of approximately 40 per cent.

Public hearings were had before Examiner Edwin Lake.

In support of the authority sought, applicant's witness submitted cost studies and financial data covering a six-months' period ending June 30, 1947.

The costs developed were not segregated between certificated and permitted carrier operations, nor did they cover all of the various types of services performed. According to

the witness, some of the costs developed were the result of opinions and judgment the soundness of which was not fully established. Moreover, no evidence was submitted as to the relative volume of traffic moving under the various rates. The statement of revenues did not include all income derived from common carrier operations. No showing of probative value was made in support of the estimate that the proposed rates would produce the revenue sought. A substantial portion of the increases here sought has been authorized by Decision No. 40598 of August 12, 1947 and by Decision No. 41145 of January 19, 1948, in Cases Nos. 4246, 4434 and 4730 in which applicant¹ is a respondent.

The record does not establish the reasonableness and propriety of the sought rates. It has not been clearly shown that applicant needs any increase in rates above those authorized in Decision No. 41145 to become effective March 1, 1948. We are of the opinion and find that the rates sought have not been justified on this record. The application will be denied.

O R D E R

Public hearings having been had in the above entitled application, full consideration of the matters and things in-

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In some instances rates higher than those sought have been authorized.

volved having been had and the Commission having been fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled application be and it is hereby denied.

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this th 24 day of February, 1948.

R. J. [Signature]
Justus J. [Signature]
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 Commissioners