

Decision No. 42009

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of certain railroads, connecting
highway carriers, and connecting
water lines for authority to in-
crease freight rates and charges
(1947).

Application No. 28744
(3rd Supplemental)

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Prior orders in this proceeding authorized applicants to increase their intrastate freight rates and charges. These adjustments were generally similar to the increases on interstate traffic within western territory granted by interim orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Ex Parte No. 166, Increased Freight Rates, 1947.¹ By final order dated July 27, 1948, as amended, the Interstate Commerce Commission modified the interstate adjustments theretofore authorized. Both increases and reductions were involved. By supplemental application filed August 19, 1948, applicants propose to make like changes in their California intrastate rates and charges.

The proposal involves no change in the basic increase of 20 per cent heretofore authorized; it deals only with the level of the "maximum increases" for various commodities and with a further increase of approximately 5 per cent in charges for perishable protective services. Most of the proposed changes are reductions. The sought increases are in rates of relatively high volume under which California intrastate traffic is not ordinarily moved. The further increase in perishable protective service charges is designed to bring these charges to the level found reasonable and necessary

¹ See Decisions Nos. 40892 of November 12, 1947, 41221 of February 17, 1948, and 41746 of June 22, 1948.

