

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 43987

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
E. B. PADRICK, Agent, for:

Southern Pacific Company-PL
Western Pacific Railroad Company

Application No. 31101

for authority to increase certain charges
for the handling of hand baggage and other
personal effects of passengers by Station
Porters ("Red Caps"), as published in West-
ern Local and Joint Passenger Tariff No.
221-5, Cal.P.U.C. No. 135, H. W. Siddall's
issue, issued by E. B. Padrick, Agent.

OPINION AND ORDER

E. B. Padrick, acting as agent for Southern Pacific Company and Western Pacific Railroad Company, seeks authority to publish certain increases in the charges for handling hand baggage and other personal effects of passengers by station porters.

The present handling charge at the 25 stations¹ involved in this application is 10 cents per piece, except that when more than ten pieces are tendered by a party or group of passengers the charge is \$1.00 per baggage truck load. The proposal herein is to eliminate the \$1.00 rate, thereby permitting the charge of 10 cents per piece to apply uniformly. At the same time there would be eliminated a provision for handling without charge such items as magazines, newspapers, candy boxes and umbrellas, when tendered with pieces for which a charge is made.

¹ Alhambra
Bakersfield
Berkeley
Burlingame
Colton
Davis
Dunsmuir
Fresno

Glendale
Martinez
Merced
Monterey
Oakland
Palm Springs
Palo Alto

Sacramento
Salinas
San Francisco
San Jose
San Luis Obispo
Santa Barbara
Stockton
Truckee

The verified application shows that the salaries of station porters have increased approximately 40 per cent since the \$1.00 truck load rate was established in March, 1947. The carriers aver that the \$1.00 charge is not compensatory, and that the uniform charge of 10 cents per piece is essential in order to justify the carriers in rendering the required service. Applicant points out that the proposed rate is the same as that now applicable at the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal; that charges for handling ten pieces or less would not be affected by elimination of the \$1.00 charge; and that California intrastate travelers would be little affected in any event, inasmuch as the preponderance of organized groups travel in interstate journeys.

It appears that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary, and that the proposed charges are justified. The application will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that E.B.Padrick, as agent for Southern Pacific Company and Western Pacific Railroad Company, be and he is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than statutory notice, the increased charges proposed in the above-entitled application.

The authority herein granted shall expire ninety (90) days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of March, 1950.

W. T. Dunning
Justice T. Cravener
Frank H. Lammell
Harold P. Kule

Commissioners