

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 44661

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
Walkup Drayage & Warehouse Company)
for an order granting permission to)
charge less than minimum rates for the)
transportation of paper on skids in)
the City and County of San Francisco.)

Application No. 31288

Appearances

Douglas Brookman, for applicant.
Russell Bevans and Edward M. Berol, for
Draymen's Association of San Francisco, Inc.,
protestant.
L. B. Raymond, for Overland Freight Transfer Co.,
and George Patton, for Haslett Warehouse Co.,
interested parties.

O P I N I O N

Applicant is a city carrier. It seeks authority under Section 10 of the City Carriers' Act to assess a rate less than the established minimum rates for certain transportation of paper on skids for Stecher-Traung Lithograph Company, within the City and County of San Francisco.

Public hearings were had at San Francisco on May 2 and 29, 1950, before Examiner Mulgrew. The matter was submitted with the filing of a brief by protestant on August 4, 1950.¹

The paper when received by applicant is wire-strapped on skids. Each bundle weighs from 2,000 to 4,500 pounds. The movement is from steamship docks, railroad team tracks or warehouse to Stecher-Traung's plant.

¹ At the request of protestant, concurrent briefs were permitted to be filed within 10 days after receipt of the transcript. However, applicant did not make such a filing.

Applicant seeks authority to observe a rate of 9½ cents per 100 pounds on shipments of 30,000 pounds or more when the total tonnage aggregates not less than 2,000 tons per calendar year. From railroad team tracks and warehouses the applicable minimum rate is 14 cents per 100 pounds; from the docks the minimum is ascertained by combining car-loading charges, railroad switching, and car rental charges.

Witnesses for applicant introduced cost studies covering nine shipments handled for Stecher-Traung during the preceding two months. All but one of these nine shipments were from steamship docks. The charges on the eight shipments from the docks ranged from 8.7 to 9.12 cents per 100 pounds. Applicant's vice-president testified that although the sought relief is not necessary for the movement from the docks it is the desire of both applicant and Stecher-Traung to apply a uniform rate to this transportation regardless of the origin of the shipment. If the application is granted, he said, the 9½-cent rate will also be applied to the shipments from the docks.

The record indicates that the preponderance of the shipments originates at the docks and is thus subject to rates lower than that sought herein. In the instances in which the applicable rate is higher than that sought, the reasonableness of the sought rate is not shown. Considering all the shipments involved, it cannot be determined from the record what, if any, monetary relief would be afforded by the sought rate. The argument in support of the requested authority seems to be one of convenience, yet the nature and extent of such inconvenience as may now obtain is not shown.

Upon careful consideration of the evidence of record, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that applicant has not shown its proposed rate to be reasonable and consistent with the public interest within the meaning of Section 10 of the City Carriers' Act. The application will be denied.

O R D E R

The above-entitled application having been heard and submitted, full consideration of the matters and things involved having been had, and based upon the conclusions and findings in the preceding opinion,

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

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of August, 1950.

R. E. Anderson
Justice J. C. Calver
Justice F. J. Quinn
Justice F. K. Kube
Permeeth Lott
Commissioners