

Decision No. 44961

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation )  
into the rates, rules, regulations, )  
charges, allowances and practices )  
of all common carriers, highway )  
carriers and city carriers relating )  
to the transportation of property. )

Case No. 4808

**ORIGINAL**

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Lynn E. Sigler, doing business as Alturas-Fort Bidwell Stage Line, conducts highway common carrier and passenger stage operations between Alturas and Fort Bidwell and intermediate points. The line was formerly operated by Leland H. Doss. Sigler's rates are lower than the state-wide minimum rates. Doss was granted exemption from the minimum rates upon a showing that his operations were not competitive with other carriers, and that establishment of rates at the level of the minimum rates would cause shippers to use their own trucks instead of patronizing his common carrier service (Decision No. 32401 of October 3, 1939, in Case No. 4246). Sigler adopted the Doss rate level when he acquired the line (Decision No. 41452 of April 13, 1948, as amended, in Application No. 29224).

Sigler now seeks authority to increase his rates to the minimum rate level, except on shipments weighing 100 pounds or less. For shipments weighing 100 pounds or less, he proposes to establish a scale of charges ranging from 49 to 87 cents per shipment. This scale would replace his present flat charge of 70 cents per shipment. The charges applicable under the minimum rate scale are 70 cents for shipments weighing 15 pounds and less and \$1.05 for shipments weighing from 15 to 100 pounds.

Interested shippers have been notified of the proposed adjustments. No objections thereto have been offered.

The verified petition, as amended, shows that petitioner's operations under his present rates have not been compensatory; that,

in the case of small shipments, the proposed reduced charges are necessary in order to hold the traffic to petitioner's line; and that in other respects deviations from the minimum rates of general application are no longer required. The increases involved have been justified. The petition will be granted. Doss's authority to deviate from the minimum rates will be revoked. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lynn E. Sigler, doing business as Alturas-Fort Bidwell Stage Line, be and he is hereby authorized to establish the increased rates and charges proposed in the above referred to petition.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Decision No. 31606, in Case No. 4246, as amended, be and it is hereby further amended by adding Lynn E. Sigler, doing business as Alturas-Fort Bidwell Stage Line, to the list of carriers contained in paragraph (c) of Finding No. 14 thereof, but restricted to shipments transported between Alturas and Fort Bidwell and intermediate points; and by revoking the authority granted Leland H. Doss, doing business as Alturas-Ft. Bidwell Stage Line, by Decision No. 32401, of October 3, 1939, in that proceeding.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1950.

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Commissioners