

Decision No. 48897**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of Eureka-Redding Stages, Inc.,)
for authority to increase rates) Application No. 34406
and charges applicable to express)
shipments.)

OPINION AND ORDER.

Eureka-Redding Stages, Inc., operates as a passenger stage corporation between Eureka and Redding. It also transports express, not to exceed 100 pounds per package, on its stages. By this application authority is sought to increase, on five days' notice, the rates and charges applicable to express shipments.¹ No change is proposed in the passenger fares.

Applicant contends that since it acquired the operation in February 1952 transportation services have been conducted at a considerable and recurring loss. It alleges that the present express rates and passenger fares do not produce sufficient revenues to return the costs of its initial investment. The application shows that the total revenues resulting from applicant's operations for the period February 28, 1952 to February 28, 1953, was \$4,380 less than the operating expenses, exclusive of depreciation of the equipment devoted to the public service. After provision for depreciation, the application shows a loss of \$7,576. The operating ratio was 124.38 per cent. Applicant contends that despite its endeavor to effect all possible economies the loss continues and that it cannot continue to suffer

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The present and proposed rates and charges are set forth in the appendix hereto.

these losses and render an adequate and efficient service. It states that there are only two sources available from which the additional revenues required to continue its transportation service can be obtained. These are increased passenger fares and increased express rates. Applicant is of the opinion that its passenger fares are at a maximum level and that if these fares were raised the effect of the increases would be more than offset by a loss of traffic. It is also the opinion of applicant that its express rates are unreasonably low in relation to the cost of providing the service and when compared with the rates of other carriers engaged in the handling of express and less-than-carload traffic. The proposed increases in the express rates, had they been in effect during the year ending February 28, 1953, would have produced \$2,053 additional revenues and would have reduced the net loss during this period from \$7,576 to \$5,523. The operating ratio would have been 116.67 per cent.

Copies of the application were sent to officials of the counties within which applicant operates. No objections to granting the application have been received.

In the circumstances, it appears that the sought increased express rates and charges are justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Eureka-Redding Stages, Inc., be and it is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than five days'

notice to the Commission and to the public, increased rates and charges for the transportation of express shipments as set forth in the appendix attached hereto.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of July, 1953.

R. F. Anderson
President
Justin F. Cooney
Harold H. Hill
Herbert Pottel
Commissioners

APPENDIX "A" TO DECISION NO. 48897

Present and Proposed Express Rates and Collect on Delivery (C.O.D.) Charges of Eureka-Redding Stages, Inc.

Present Express Rates in Cents per Shipment

Shipments in Pounds	Miles (Constructive)									
	1	16	31	46	61	76	91	106	156	216
	to 15	to 30	to 45	to 60	to 75	to 90	to 105	to 155	to 215	to 295
1 to 2	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	30	30	30
3 to 5	25	25	25	25	30	30	30	35	35	40
6 to 10	25	25	30	30	35	35	35	40	40	50
11 to 20	25	25	35	35	40	40	40	50	50	65
21 to 30	30	30	40	40	45	45	50	60	70	80
31 to 40	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	75	85	95
41 to 50	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	85	100	115
51 to 60	45	50	55	60	65	75	80	100	115	130
61 to 70	50	55	60	65	75	85	95	115	130	145
71 to 80	55	60	65	70	80	95	105	130	150	165
81 to 90	60	65	70	75	90	105	115	150	170	190
91 to 100	65	75	85	95	105	115	125	170	190	210

Proposed Express Rates in Cents per Shipment

Pounds	Miles (Actual)				
	50 and Under	Over 50 But Not Over 75	Over 75 But Not Over 100	Over 100 But Not Over 150	Over 150
Not Over 10	75	75	80	85	90
10 to 20	80	85	90	100	110
20 to 40	90	100	110	130	150
40 to 60	100	115	130	160	190
60 to 80	110	130	150	190	230
80 to 100	120	145	170	220	270

Charges for Collecting and Remitting the Amount Invoiced on Collect on Delivery (C.O.D.) Shipments

When Amount Collected is	Present Charge for Collecting and Remitting	Proposed Charge for Collecting and Remitting
Not over \$50.00	\$0.53	\$1.00
Over \$50.00 not over \$100.00	.72	1.50
Over \$100.00	50¢ per \$100.00	2.00

(End of Appendix "A")