

## ORIGINAL

Decision No. 50239

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation into )  
 the rates, rules, regulations, charges, ) Case No. 5330  
 allowances and practices of all house- ) (Petition for Modifica-  
 hold goods carriers, common carriers, ) tion No. 3)  
 highway carriers, and city carriers )  
 relating to the transportation of used )  
 household goods and related property. )

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## O P I N I O N

By petition filed May 24, 1954, Bekins Van & Storage Co., Bekins Van Lines, Inc., California Moving & Storage Association, Fidelity Van and Storage Company, W. Ray James, doing business as James Van Lines, James Transfer & Storage

Company, Lyon Van Lines, Inc., Lyon Van & Storage Co., Orth Van and Storage, Pacific Van and Storage Co. Inc., and Shepherd's Van & Storage, Inc., seek an order increasing certain minimum rates established in City Carriers' Tariff No. 3-A - Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 4-A for the transportation of used household goods and related articles. Minimum rates, rules and regulations for the transportation of used household goods and related articles as set forth in the two tariffs hereinbefore mentioned were established by Decision No. 44919, dated October 17, 1950, in Case No. 4808, as amended. One of the amending decisions, No. 49456, dated December 21, 1953, in Cases Nos. 4808 and 5330, Petitions Nos. 1 and 2, defines territories to apply in connection with rates, rules and regulations, making reference thereto in City Carriers' Tariff No. 3-A - Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 4-A, Items 340 and 343 Series. Specifically, Item 343 Series describes Territory "B" as consisting of all territory exclusive of the City and County of San Francisco and the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo and Santa Clara. Local moving rates on an hourly basis applicable within this Territory "B" are contained in Item 400 Series of said tariff, and accessorial rates for packing and unpacking are contained in Item 440 Series. Both rates are stated in cents per man hour. Set out hereinbelow are existing rates in these two series, and the rates which petitioners specifically propose by the instant petition:

Item No. 400 Series

<u>Unit of Equipment</u>	<u>Rates in cents per hour</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
(a) With driver	605	630
(b) With driver and 1 helper	860	905
Additional helpers, per man	340	360

Item No. 440 Series

Packing )		
Unpacking )	350	375

A public hearing was held in Los Angeles on June 7, 1954, before Examiner Syphers, at which time evidence was adduced and the matter submitted. It is now ready for decision.

Although there were numerous appearances, as indicated above, none were in opposition to the petition and no evidence was submitted by any appearance other than for the petitioners.

A witness for petitioners testified that the principal reason for requesting the increases herein proposed was because labor costs have increased due to a new labor contract effective June 1, 1954. These increased wages and their estimated effect are set out in detail in Exhibit No. 1-3. It should be noted that the agreement referred to in this exhibit is one which has been entered into by the household goods moving industry of Southern California and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, Local Union No. 389, pertaining to a new wage contract which will be effective June 1, 1954, and generally pertains to the Los Angeles Territory. Exhibit 2-3 shows typical labor

increases throughout Territory "B" other than Los Angeles.

In addition to these labor cost increases, other increased costs, as pointed out by the witness, include Social Security increases, the cost of garage labor, parts, costs of vehicles and equipment, office salaries and overhead expenses. Illustrative of these increases, the witness pointed out that Bekins Van & Storage Co. and Bekins Van Lines, Inc. have about 750 employees in Territory "B". These employees include those whose wages have been increased as a result of the contract, and also approximately 250 employees whose wages have been increased accordingly even though they are not included in the contract. These include dispatchers, clerks, salesmen, and shop employees. In addition, approximately 50 supervisory employees have received increases which have not been shown in Exhibit 1-3.

Cross examination disclosed that the increased costs directly attributable to the increases in labor are as follows:

Drivers	12.8¢	per	hour
Helpers	12.6¢	"	"
Packers	12.5¢	"	"

The other alleged cost increases were not supported by the studies submitted as exhibits, but rather were based upon the experience of Bekins Van Lines. In view of this situation we believe the rate increases authorized herein should be limited to those supported by the specific studies submitted in this record.

After a consideration of all of the evidence in this record, we now find that modifications of the existing rates,

rules and regulations are justified to the extent hereinbefore indicated and as provided in the order herein.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, public hearing having been held thereon, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and hereby finding that the rate increases hereinafter authorized are justified,

IT IS ORDERED that City Carriers' Tariff No. 3-A - Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 4-A (Appendix "A" to Decision No. 44919, as amended) be and it hereby is further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective August 1, 1954, Fourth Revised Page 25 Cancels Third Revised Page 25 and Third Revised Page 29 Cancels Second Revised Page 29, which pages are attached hereto and by this reference are made a part hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that tariff publications to be made by highway common carrier parties to these proceedings as a result of this order shall be made effective not earlier than August 1, 1954, and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

In all other respects the aforesaid Decision  
No. 44919, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty  
days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California,  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1954.

[Signature]  
President

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Commissioners

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CITY CARRIERS' TARIFF NO. 3-A  
 HIGHWAY CARRIERS' TARIFF NO. 4-A

SECTION NO. 3 - RATES		Item No.
RATES IN CENTS PER HOUR (1) (2) (APPLIES FOR DISTANCES OF 30 CONSTRUCTIVE MILES OR LESS OR WITHIN METROPOLITAN AREAS)		
Unit of Equipment:	<u>TERRITORY (3)</u> A      B	
(a) with driver .....	630   0620	
(b) with driver and 1 helper....	960   0885	
Additional helpers, per man.....	400   0355	* 400-D Cancels 400-C
Minimum charge - the charge for one hour		
(1) See Item No. 130 series for application of rates. (2) See Item No. 170 series for computation of time. (3) See Item No. 343 series for territorial descriptions.		
* Change      ) 0 Increase    ) Decision No. <b>50239</b>		
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SECTION NO. 3 - RATES (Concluded)		Item No.
ACCESSORIAL RATES		
Rates in Cents per Man per Hour (1) (2) (3)		
	TERRITORY (4)	
	A	B
Packing ) Unpacking )	410	◇365
Minimum Charge - The charge for one hour.		*440-C Cancels 440-B
<p>(1) See Item No. 130 series for application of rates.</p> <p>(2) See Item No. 170 series for computation of time.</p> <p>(3) Rates do not include cost of materials. (See Item No. 450 series.)</p> <p>(4) See Item No. 343 series for description of territories.</p>		
RATES AND CHARGES FOR SHIPPING CONTAINERS AND PACKING MATERIALS		
<p>1. In the event the shipper requests delivery of shipping containers, including wardrobes, prior to the time shipment is tendered for transportation, or requests pickup of such containers subsequent to time delivery is accomplished, the following transportation charges shall be assessed: (See Note.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Each container, set up ----- 55 cents</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Each bundle of containers, folded flat 55 cents</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Minimum charge, per delivery ----- 275 cents</p> <p>2. (a) Shipping containers, including wardrobes, and packing materials which are furnished by the carrier at the request of the shipper will be charged for at not less than the actual original cost to the carrier of such materials, F.O.B. carrier's place of business.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) In the event such packing materials and shipping containers are returned to any carrier, participating in the transportation thereof when loaded, an allowance may be made to the consignee or his agent of not to exceed 75 percent of the charges assessed under the provisions of paragraph (a).</p> <p>Note. If the hourly rates named in Item No. 400 series provide a lower charge than the charge in paragraph 1 of this item such lower charge shall apply.</p>		450-A Cancels 450
* Change ) ◇ Increase )	Decision No. 50239	
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