

The protested items comprise virtually all of those which would result in any reduction in transportation charges. The Association's position is that the information contained in the application is meager and that Dumas should be required to justify his proposals at a public hearing in California.

The Commission has given careful consideration to the application and to the objections made by the Association. The proposed changes involve revisions of package descriptions, carload minimum weights, ratings, the addition of entries to cover new articles, and various minor modifications and clarifications. Some 113 items are involved in all. From careful analysis of the proposals, it appears that all of the changes to which objection has been made are minor, technical or routine adjustments generally incident to technological changes in industry and to changing needs of commerce. It is concluded that these are not matters of sufficient importance or general concern to warrant requiring Agent Dumas to present additional justification at a public hearing in California. All of the protested revisions in the pending application have already been made applicable in all of the other western states.³

In view of all of the circumstances it is concluded that a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted. (Any increase of rates resulting from this authorization is hereby found to be justified.)

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That the above-entitled application filed by George H. Dumas, Agent, for authority to publish and file in his Western Classification No. 75, Cal. P.U.C.-W.C. No. 8, various ratings, rules and regulations, be and it is hereby granted.

³ The Western Classification applies generally on interstate and intrastate traffic throughout the territory west of the Mississippi River. Agent Dumas' headquarters are in Chicago, Illinois.

(2) That said ratings, rules and regulations are approved to govern minimum rates established by the Commission.

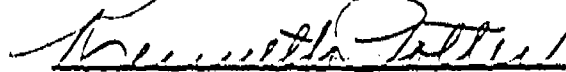
(3) That the applicant be and he is hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code insofar as these ratings, rules and regulations govern non-intermediate rates.

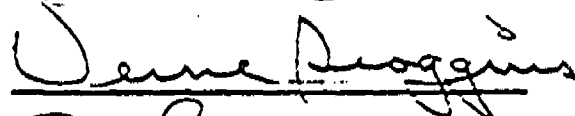
Supplements containing the changes herein authorized shall bear a notation that they are issued under authority of this decision.

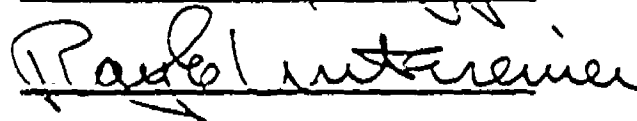
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of November, 1954.


President







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