

Decision No. 5134S

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
George H. Dumas, Agent, for approval)
of changes in classification provi-) Application No. 36745
sions.)

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Class rates in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 and in the various drayage tariffs are subject to ratings named in the Western Classification No. 75, Cal.P.U.C. - W.C. No. 6 of George H. Dumas, Agent.¹ By this application Agent Dumas seeks authority to make applicable within California a number of classification changes resulting variously in increases, reductions and technical adjustments.

Copies of the application have been supplied by the applicant to carrier associations, chambers of commerce and other California organizations believed to be interested. California Trucking Associations, Inc., has requested that the application be set for public hearing. One of the proposed rule changes is opposed by a California shipper. No objections have been received from other sources.

The Commission has given careful consideration to the application. The proposed changes involve revisions of package descriptions, carload minimum weights and ratings, the addition of entries to cover new articles, and various minor modifications and clarifications. The rule opposed by the shipper, as well as several of the other sought classification changes, are not supported with sufficient justification to permit determination of their reasonableness.

¹The drayage tariffs are: City Carriers' Tariff No.1-A(San Francisco), City Carriers' Tariff No. 2-A - Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 1-A (East Bay Cities), Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5 (Los Angeles) and City Carriers' Tariff No. 7 - Highway Carriers' Tariff No. 9 (San Diego)..

Additional evidence will be required as to these items.² From careful analysis of the proposals, it appears that substantially all of the other changes are minor, technical or routine adjustments generally incident to technological changes in industry and to changing needs of commerce. These revisions have already been made applicable on interstate and intrastate traffic throughout other western states, and on interstate traffic from and to California points.³ They are not of sufficient importance or general concern to warrant requiring Agent Dumas to present additional justification at a public hearing in California.

In view of all of the circumstances it is concluded that the application should be granted to the extent hereinafter indicated. Any increase in charges resulting from this authorization is hereby found to be justified. With respect to the sought changes not herein authorized, the application will be held for further consideration upon receipt of additional evidence.

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, except as to Rule 12, Section 3 and Items Nos. 7272, 13965-A, 40492-A and 43887-A contained therein.

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

² The items are enumerated in the order which follows and are set forth in detail in the application.

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.

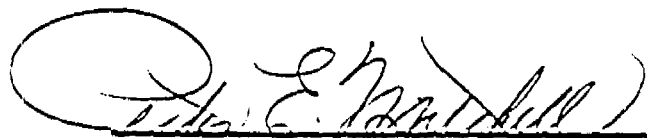
(3) That the applicant be and he is hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code insofar as these ratings, rules and regulations govern non-intermediate rates.

(4) That supplements containing the changes herein authorized shall bear a notation that they are issued under authority of this decision.

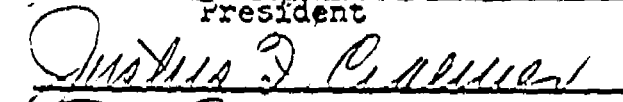
(5) That the above-entitled application shall be held for further consideration upon receipt of additional evidence.

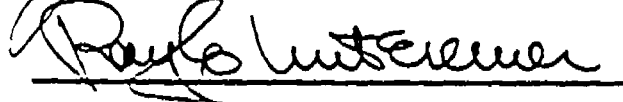
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of March, 1955.



President





Commissioners