

Decision No. 52145

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of INDEPENDENT POOL CARS, INC., a corporation, to increase rates and charges.)))))	Application No. 37326
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OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a corporation engaged in providing service as a car unloader. Its rates for unloading, segregating, billing, and other accessorial services for pool car lots of freight within the County of Los Angeles are set forth in its Local Tariff No. 2, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2. By this application it seeks authority to increase its rates on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and to the public as follows:

	<u>Rates in Cents Per 100 Pounds</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1st Class	22	25
2nd Class	18	21
3rd Class	13	15
4th Class or lower	12	14
Minimum charge for component part	57	67

Applicant points out that it has maintained its rates for some time at the exact level of rates for the same services prescribed as minimum in Item No. 165 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5. By Decision No. 51868, dated August 23, 1955, in Case No. 5435, the minimum rates were increased effective September 20, 1955, to provide additional revenue to meet increased costs incurred in providing the service. It is to the level of the increased minimum rates that applicant seeks to increase its rates.

Car unloading services in Los Angeles County are for the most part performed by local draymen who make delivery of such freight following the initial service. These local draymen are required to

observe for the unloading services rates no lower than rates prescribed in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5. Applicant herein is not subject to the minimum rates in that tariff since it does not perform any transportation. Allegedly, the car unloading services it renders are in all respects identical to the unloading services performed by the local draymen. Applicant states that the increased minimum rates and charges for unloading and segregating established by Decision No.51868, supra, were based on increased costs of providing service which must be assumed by applicant to the same extent as by local draymen whose rates and charges were increased in that decision. Applicant also avers that the efficiency of its operation parallels that of the local draymen and that the increased revenue to be derived from the proposed rate increase will not be more than sufficient to meet the costs of operation and return a reasonable profit. An operating statement for the year ending February 28, 1955, is attached as an exhibit to the application. The statement indicates an income of \$30,210, expenses of \$30,200, and a profit of \$10.

Interested parties have been notified of the filing of the application. No objection to its being granted has been received.

Upon consideration of all the facts and circumstances of record, the Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that the proposed increased rates are just and reasonable. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Because of applicant's immediate need of increased revenue, the order which follows will authorize the establishment of the increased rates upon not less than two days' notice to the Commission and to the public.


Therefore, good cause appearing,


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant be and it is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and to the public, the increased rates as proposed in the above-entitled application.

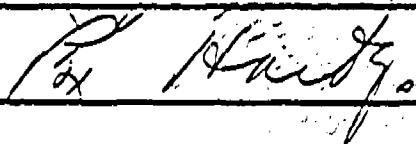
IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date hereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of October, 1955.



President




Commissioners