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Decision No. 55868

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition of Agent J. L. Beeler, for authority to increase hourly rates in Item 720 (as it applies to extra semi-trailers) and hourly rates in Section 7 (low-bed) equipment rates in Southwestern Motor Tariff Bureau Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 6, Cal.P.U.C. No. 14, of J. L. Beeler, Agent. )  
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 ) Application No. 39564  
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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, J. L. Beeler, Agent, on behalf of carriers' party to his Southwestern Motor Tariff Bureau Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 6, Cal.P.U.C. No. 14, seeks authority under section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to increase hourly rates published in the aforementioned tariff applicable to heavy duty low-bed trailers; and to extra semi-trailers used for the transportation of oil, water or gas well outfits and for stringing pipe. The proposed increases amount to approximately 9½ percent. Authority is also sought to establish the increases on one day's notice.

The application shows that the proposed increases are of approximately the same amount as those established in comparable minimum hourly rates by Decision No. 55704 of October 15, 1957, in Case No. 5432. According to the application, shippers have informed applicant that they have no objection to the granting of the sought increase.

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 Minimum hourly rates for oil, water or gas well outfits and for stringing pipe are set forth in Item No. 720 series of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. However, no minimum rate is prescribed for extra semi-trailers. Transportation on low-bed trailers of commodities requiring the use of such equipment is exempt from the minimum rates.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed increases are justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. The order will be made effective on the date hereof and applicant will be authorized to make the tariff publication on two days' notice.

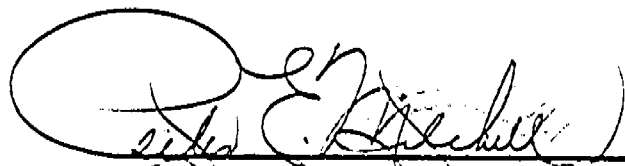
Therefore, good cause appearing,


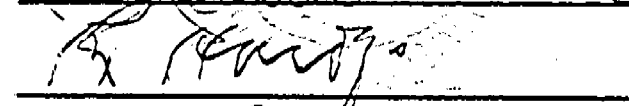
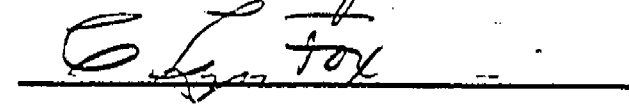
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that J. L. Beeler, Agent, be and he is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and the public, in his Southwestern Motor Tariff Bureau Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 6, Cal.P.U.C. No. 14, the increases proposed in Exhibit "A" of this application.

This authority shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date hereof.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 1957.

  
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