

Decision No. 50020**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of William J. Knoell, Agent, to amend Common Carrier Tariff of bulk Petroleum Carriers.	}	Application No. 39532
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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, William J. Knoell, agent, on behalf of carriers party to his Tank Truck Operators Tariff Bureau Tariff No. 3-D, Cal.P.U.C. No. 25 (Elmer Ahl, agent, series), seeks authority under Sections 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code to publish, on five days' notice, an "arbitrary" charge of two cents per 100 pounds on shipments destined to or originating at points located "beyond" Bass Lake when transported via North Fork.¹ The points involved are in the mountains generally easterly of Bass Lake "on the same road as Bass Lake such as Central Camp."

Applicant's tariff provides for the assessment of the two-cent arbitrary charge when the point of origin or destination of a shipment is located beyond Bass Lake and the transportation service is performed via the point of Wishon (also known as Lakeview). However, when the movements from and to these same points are via North Fork (6 miles south of Wishon) no arbitrary charge is provided.

Applicant alleges that the area beyond Bass Lake is a remote mountainous area which, due to extreme grades requires the use of vehicles with special transmissions and other heavy duty equipment. It further alleges that the proposed amendment to the tariff would compensate the carriers only partially for their increased costs of operation. Applicant asserts that the omission of the arbitrary on shipments moving via North Fork was an oversight, in tariff publication, and that the circumstances which justify the publication of the arbitrary via Wishon exist when shipments are moved via North Fork.

¹ Bass Lake and North Fork are located in Madera County.

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

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed increases are justified. Applicant will be authorized to publish the arbitrary on shipments moving via North Fork to the involved territory. A public hearing is not necessary.

In the exercise of the authority herein granted, applicant will be required to clarify the application of his tariff by designating clearly the "beyond" points.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that William J. Knoell, agent, is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, in his Tank Truck Operators Tariff Bureau Local Freight Tariff No. 3-D, Cal.P.U.C. No. 25 (Elmer Ahl, agent, series), a rate arbitrary of two cents per 100 pounds to be added to the rates from or to Bass Lake in connection with movements from or to points beyond Bass Lake as indicated in the foregoing opinion, when the movements are via North Fork.

This authority shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of December, 1957.

W. E. Maxwell
 President

Ray L. Linterman

H. H. Hardy

E. J. Fox

Commissioners