

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 56957

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of	)	
H. R. HINSCH, Agent, for authority	)	
to adjust Car Demurrage Charges on	)	Application No. 40120
Cars used in the handling of Coal and	)	
Coal Products.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 55897, dated December 3, 1957, in Application No. 38310, this Commission authorized increases in California intrastate demurrage charges to the same extent as applicable on interstate traffic. The decision provided increased demurrage charges for equipment other than cars used in the handling of coal and coal products.

By this application, H.R. Hinsch, Agent of Central Territory Railroads Tariff Bureau, on behalf of the railroads operating in California, seeks authority to increase the intrastate demurrage charges applicable on cars used in the handling of coal and coal products. Applicant proposes to increase the rate from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per car per day or fraction of a day for detention beyond the free time allowed.

The application states that for many years the rail carriers parties to applicant's tariff have maintained a demurrage charge of three dollars per car per day beyond the free time allowed. Applicant states that increased operating expenses and higher labor costs have forced the rail carriers to seek an increase in the demurrage charge to four dollars per car per day. Applicant further states that the increase, if granted, will conform to the current applicable interstate charge.

Applicant asserts that he is aware of no protests or objections to the increase sought. Also, the application shows that on or about May 23, 1958, a copy of the application was served on persons known or believed to have an interest in car demurrage charges on cars used in the handling of coal and coal products. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the sought increased rate is justified. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

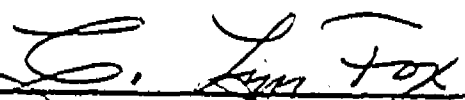

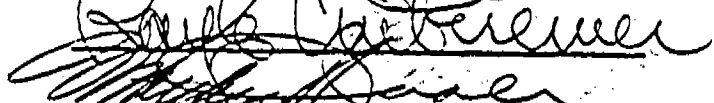
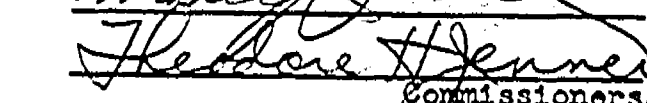

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That H.R. Hinsch, Agent, on behalf of the railroads named in Appendix "A" of this application, is hereby authorized to increase the demurrage charge on cars used in the handling of coal and coal products as proposed in the above-entitled application.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the date hereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1958.

  
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