

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57060

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
J. P. HAYNES, Agent, Pacific Southcoast)	
Freight Bureau, for Authority to)	Application No. 40055
Increase Minimum Carload Charges on)	
Class-rated Shipments.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application J. P. Haynes, Agent of Pacific South-coast Freight Bureau, on behalf of carriers parties to said Bureau Freight Tariff No. 255-F seeks authority to increase the minimum car-load charge applicable on traffic moving under class rates from \$32.29 to \$35.94. The proposed increase would place the minimum car-load charge for class-rated traffic on the same level as authorized by Decision No. 55942 of December 10, 1957, in Applications Nos. 37697 and 38557 for commodity-rated traffic.

The application states that the proposed increase would restore a parity which existed prior to the increase authorized by Decision No. 55942, supra, between minimum carload charges on carloads moving under class rates and carloads moving under commodity rates. The application states further that in order to remain competitive with motor carriers in California the railroads, in the above-referred to proceedings, excepted class rates and charges from their application to the Commission, which sought authority to apply the Ex Parte 196 and 206 increases on intrastate traffic. The application avers that the exception, so far as minimum charges are concerned, was inadvertent, for while the basic class-rate scales are truck compelled, the minimum carload charges are not. Applicant asserts that there is no sound reason for maintaining carload minimum charges for class-rated shipments on a lower basis than those found justified in Decision No. 55942, supra, for shipments moving under carload commodity rates.

Assertedly, the proposed increase will not exceed corresponding charges for comparable interstate traffic moving

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between the same points or corresponding charges for traffic moving under commodity rates at carload minimum charges.

The application shows that, on or about May 2, 1958, copies of the application were served upon 120 shippers or receivers of traffic in California, who are known to or believed to have an interest in the subject of the application. No objection has been received to its being granted.

In view of all the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed increase in the carload minimum charge on class-rated traffic is justified. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That J. P. Haynes, Agent, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau, is hereby authorized to increase the minimum carload charge for class-rated shipments as proposed in the above-entitled application.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety 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 29th day of July, 1958.

E. Lynn Fox
President
John E. Mitchell
Robert J. Terrence
Theodore J. Turner
Commissioners