

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 57856

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation)
into the rates, rules and regulations,)
charges, allowances and practices of)
all common carriers relating to the)
transportation of any and all commo-)
dities between and within all points) (Case No. 5432
and places in the State of California) (Petition for Modification
(including, but not limited to,) No. 134)
transportation for which rates are)
provided in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2).)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Yreka Western Railroad Company, a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier of general commodities between Yreka and Etna and intermediate points and between Yreka and Orleans and intermediate points.¹ By this petition, it seeks authority to publish a basis of minimum per-shipment charges lower than those prescribed by the Commission.

Under prior authorities, petitioner has published and maintained minimum per-shipment charges lower than the prescribed basis. The last such authority expired November 13, 1958. Thereupon petitioner published, and now maintains, higher minimum charges on the level of those prescribed by the Commission in Decision No. 57545 of November 3, 1958, in Case No. 5432 (Petitions Nos. 124 and 125).

Petitioner asserts that the conditions surrounding the transportation involved are not generally applicable in other regions of the State; that the increased minimum charges are not appropriate for services on its line; and that since publication of the increased charges, shippers have discontinued using its service. Petitioner avers that it has always been and is now subject to severe proprietary competition for the traffic involved, and the decrease in traffic which has resulted from its efforts to apply increased minimum

¹ It also operates a rail line between Yreka and Montague.

charges will cause it to realize less net revenue than it would receive on the anticipated increased volume of business at the lesser charges which it here seeks to publish. It represents that the continuation of the already marked diversion of minimum shipments from its lines will prejudice petitioner's ability to continue to provide service in this area.

Petitioner further alleges that it does not know of any comparable situation which exists elsewhere in this State, and that the situation in its area is unique and, for that reason, requires the treatment sought in this petition insofar as minimum charges are concerned.

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

In the circumstances it appears, and the Commission finds, that petitioner's proposal is reasonable and justified by transportation conditions. The petition will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Yreka Western Railroad Company is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to expire February 5, 1960, the following minimum charges for its highway common carrier operations:

MINIMUM CHARGES IN CENTS PER SHIPMENT BETWEEN MONTAGUE,
YREKA AND ETNA AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

Weight of Shipment	Minimum Charge
Less than 15 pounds -----	60
15 pounds and less than 50 pounds -----	80
50 pounds and less than 75 pounds -----	100
75 pounds and less than 100 pounds -----	125

MINIMUM CHARGES IN CENTS PER SHIPMENT BETWEEN YREKA
AND ORLEANS AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

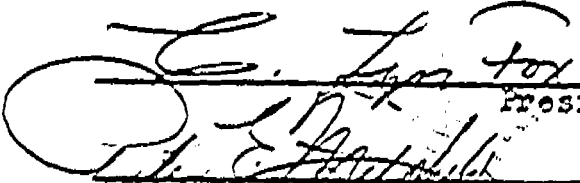
Weight of shipment less than 14 pounds, minimum charge 125 cents.

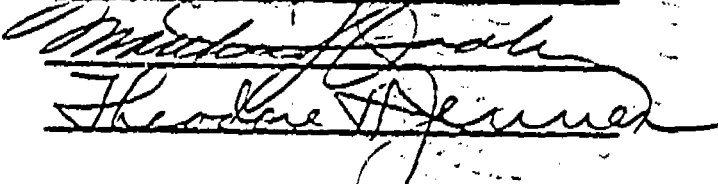
Weight of shipment 14 pounds and over:

- (1) If classified 1st class or lower, for 100 pounds at the class or commodity rate applicable thereto; or
- (2) If classified higher than 1st class, for 100 pounds at the 1st class rate; or
- (3) If shipment contains different articles, and no article is rated higher than 1st class, for 100 pounds at the class or commodity rate applicable to the articles taking highest rate; or if any of the articles is rated higher than 1st class, for 100 pounds at the 1st class rate; but
- (4) In no event shall the minimum charge be less than 185 cents.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of January, 1959.



President


Commissioners