

ORIGINALDecision No. 57967

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of INDEPENDENT POOL CARS, INC.,)	Application No. 40472
a corporation, to increase rates)	
and charges.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Independent Pool Cars, Inc., is a corporation engaged in providing service as a car unloader. Its rates for unloading, segregating, billing and performing accessorial services for pool car lots of freight within the County of Los Angeles are set forth in its Local Tariff No. 2, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2. By this application it seeks authority to increase its rates on not less than three days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

Applicant points out that its current rates are on the exact level of rates for the same services formerly prescribed as minimum in Item No. 165 of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5. By Decision No. 57546, dated November 3, 1958, in Case No. 5435 (Petition No. 11, First Supplemental), the minimum rates were increased, effective December 8, 1958, to provide additional revenue to meet increased labor costs incurred in providing the service. It is to the level of the increased minimum rates that applicant seeks to increase its rates.

Car unloading services in Los Angeles County are for the most part performed by local draymen who make delivery of such freight following the unloading service. These local draymen are required to observe for the unloading services rates no lower than rates prescribed in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5. Applicant herein is not subject to the minimum rates in that tariff since it does not

perform any transportation. Allegedly, the car unloading services it renders are in all respects identical to the unloading services performed by the local draymen. Applicant states that the increased minimum rates and charges for unloading and segregating established by Decision No. 57546, supra, were based on increased labor costs of providing service which must be assumed by applicant to the same extent as by local draymen whose rates and charges were increased in that decision. Applicant also avers that the efficiency of its operation parallels that of the local draymen and that the increased revenue to be derived from the proposed rate increase will not be more than sufficient to meet the costs of operation and return a reasonable profit. An operating statement for the year ending December 31, 1957, is attached as an exhibit to the application. The statement indicates income and expenses of \$118,777.18 with no net profit.

The application shows that on or about September 30, 1958 a copy of the application was served on interested parties. No objection to its being granted has been received.

Upon consideration of all the facts and circumstances of record, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed increased rates are just and reasonable. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Because of applicant's immediate need of increased revenue, the order which follows will authorize the establishment of the increased rates upon not less than three days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That applicant be and it is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than three days' notice to the Commission and the public, the increased rates as proposed in the above-entitled application.

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

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of February, 1959.

E. L. Fox
President
W. E. Mitchell
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Thomas H. Jones
Commissioners