

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 58080

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application }  
of A. R. Pearson Truck Co., Inc., }  
for authority to increase tariff } Application No. 40785  
rates and provisions. }

OPINION AND ORDER

A. R. Pearson Truck Co., Inc., operates as a highway common carrier for the transportation of general commodities within a prescribed area in southern California.<sup>1</sup> In connection with its certificate of public convenience and necessity, applicant provides a specialized service of transporting industrial and heavy machinery and other commodities of abnormal size and weight which, because of such size and weight, require the use of and are transported on low-bed trailers. In addition to the transportation, applicant performs specialized and diversified accessorial services required in the installation and/or dislodgment of machinery.

By this application, authority is sought to increase hourly rates, additional labor charges, and certain charges for specialized nontransportation services, and to make the increases effective on less than statutory notice. Applicant proposes also to publish additional rules to apply in connection with hourly rates.

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The area is described in Appendix "A" of Decision No. 55827, in Application No. 36197.

As justification for the increases, the application alleges that the increases in cost of operations during the past year, particularly the items of labor and labor "benefits," are of record with the Commission in the rate cases which resulted in increased minimum rates pursuant to Decision No. 57545, dated November 3, 1958, in Case No. 5432 (Petitions Nos. 124 and 125) and Decision No. 57546, also dated November 3, 1958, in Case No. 5435 (Petition No. 11). It asserts that applicant's adverse operating results during 1958 further supports the increases sought. The application states that the sought charges are now assessed by certain noncertificated low-bed carriers whose operations are exempt from the minimum rate orders of this Commission.

The proposed increased rates and charges are, in general, comparable to and consistent with the increases recently established in the minimum rates and charges for transportation and accessorial services governed by Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. In two relatively minor respects, however, the application seeks increases which are substantially greater. It cannot be found on the basis of the present application that increases as great as those sought in these particular charges are justified. In other respects, however, the application will be granted.

In view of all of the circumstances, it is concluded that the application should be granted to the extent hereinafter indicated, and the Commission finds that the increases resulting therefrom are justified.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That A. R. Pearson Truck Co., Inc., is hereby authorized to publish, on not less than ten days' notice to the

Commission and the public, the proposed rates, rules and regulations set forth in Exhibit "A" of the application, except as follows:

	Increase Rate To
Item 75 - Special Permits	\$5.00
Section 1 - Hourly Rates for Power Truck	9.25
" " - " " " Towing Dozer Dolly	2.15

(2) That in all other respects, the above-entitled application is hereby denied.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of March, 1959.

E. J. Fox  
President  
John L. McMillin  
Theodore H. Kerner  
Everett W. Page  
Commissioners