

Decision No. 58660

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau)	
for authority to publish increased)	Application No. 41073
rates on certain food stuffs, viz.,)	
canned goods; sugar in packages.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau seeks authority to publish increases in certain carload rates on canned goods and sugar in its Freight Tariff No. 300.

According to the application, it has been the practice of rail carriers to exclude from general increases in rail rates certain rates published on a competitive basis with highway carrier rates. It has been the practice of the railroads also to adjust these truck-competitive rail rates when the respective highway carrier rates are adjusted. Through asserted inadvertence applicant has excluded from general increases several rail rates which are not on the truck-competitive basis. As a result these latter rates have not been adjusted under general rail increases otherwise authorized or under truck-competitive rate adjustments. This application seeks authority to correct the inadvertences and to republish the rates in question incorporating therein recent general rail rate increases heretofore authorized.

Applicant alleges that it was not the intent of the rail carrier to exempt the rates in question from the general rail rate increases. It is also alleged that the rates resulting from the proposed publication will be in all respects just and reasonable.

In the circumstances, it appears and the Commission finds, that the proposed increases are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau is hereby authorized to publish the increased rates in its Tariff No. 300 as proposed herein.

(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 23rd day of June, 1959.

E. J. Fox
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Commissioners