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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 increase rates on Petroleum Refined Oils, Los Angeles and vicinity.

Application No. 41085

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau seeks authority to increase certain rates on refined petroleum oils, in tank cars, between Los Angeles and various adjacent points. The rates in question are to be published in its Freight Tariff No. 252-D.

By Decision No. 56499, dated April 8, 1958, in Application No. 38838, applicant was authorized, after public hearings, to increase certain rates on petroleum oils from Group 22 (Los Angelos) points to certain points adjacent thereto. In making publication of the increases authorized, it was discovered that rates from Group 22 points to certain points beyond those to which the increases were authorized and via the same line or route were lower than the rates authorized to intermediate points. In the absence of authority from the Commission under Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to assess higher rates at the intermediate points, the lower rates to the "beyond" points in question would apply at the intermediate points, thus preventing the application of the authorized increases in those instances. Applicant now seeks authority to increase the rates to the "beyond" points in question, but only to the extent necessary to allow the application to the intermediate points of the increased rates authorized.

Applicant recites that increases in the base rates to the level herein proposed have already been authorized to intermediate points, and that the same base rates applied to the "beyond" point

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will be just and reasonable. It avers that the proposed increases to the "beyond" points are necessary to clear the authorized increases to intermediate points.

In view of all of 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. 252-D 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 ZZA day of June, 1959.

