

Decision No. 59335

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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 and)	
THE WESTERN CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE for))	Application No. 41579
authority to increase minimum carload)	
charges to \$39.82 per car.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau and The Western Classification Committee, on behalf of California carriers whose rates they publish, seek authority to increase the minimum carload charges for intrastate traffic to \$39.82. The current charges are \$35.94 for traffic moving under class rates, and \$39.11 for traffic moving under commodity rates.

Applicants allege that there is no commercial or other reason why minimum carload charges for either class- or commodity-rated traffic should be maintained on a lower basis for California intrastate traffic than for interstate traffic between points in California or for interstate traffic between points in neighboring states; that a minimum per-carload charge of \$39.82 would today be in effect for California intrastate class-rated traffic had the carriers not exempted that charge in their Application No. 38557 and had Decision No. 58226 authorized an increase in the minimum per-car charge equal to the increase authorized for carload traffic generally; and that a minimum carload charge of \$39.82 will in all respects be just and reasonable for both class-rated and commodity-rated traffic.

The application shows that copies thereof were mailed to 120 shippers or receivers of traffic in California who are known or believed to have an interest in this matter. No objection

to the granting of the sought increases has been received.

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 charge in its Tariff No. 255-G and The Western Classification Committee is authorized to publish the increased charge in its Western Classification 77, as proposed in the above-entitled application.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within 90 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 8th day of December, 1959.

Ernest W. Page
President
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Theodore J. [unclear]
Commissioners