

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 59343

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation into)
the rates, rules and regulations, charges,)
allowances and practices of all common)
carriers, highway carriers and city)
carriers relating to the transportation)
of any and all commodities between and)
within all points and places in the)
State of California (including, but not)
limited to, transportation for which rates)
are provided in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2).)

Case No. 5432
Petition for Modifi-
cation No. 170

OPINION AND ORDER

A & B Garment Delivery of San Francisco, a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier of garments, clothing, wearing apparel and merchandise incidental thereto, between points in an area generally encompassed by Ignacio, Napa, Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto and San Jose.¹ Prior orders have authorized it to publish a vehicle unit rate of \$5.60 per hour for transportation between retail stores and between retail stores and warehouses thereof, limited to shipments of 4,500 pounds or less and subject to other specified conditions. The published rate is scheduled to expire December 25, 1959.

By this petition authority is sought to continue the deviation and to increase the currently authorized rate of \$5.60 to \$7.22.

The petitioner states that the conditions upon which the initial request was predicated continue to exist; and that since the latest request for extension of this authority, adjustments have been experienced in many of the involved expenses. Petitioner asserts that due to the acquisition of new and retirement of older

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It also holds permits to operate as a radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier.

vehicles, license fees are higher which has resulted in higher annual fixed expenses. Petitioner further asserts that the individual elements used to determine running costs have both increased and decreased and the net effect of the adjustments shows an overall decrease of \$0.0118 per mile and that these reductions are offset by the higher labor costs. The petition states that effective June 29, 1959, the total labor cost has increased from \$2.95 to \$3.339 per hour, and that other adjustments were also made in salaries and expenses to reflect current operative costs attributable to the considered service. These adjustments, petitioner avers, resulted in increases in both direct and indirect expenses. Data submitted with the application indicate that the transportation in question will be performed at a profit under the proposed rate.² The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the petition and has recommended that it be granted.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the sought rate is reasonable and justified by transportation conditions, and that the rate increase as proposed is justified. Accordingly, petitioner will be authorized to publish the rate as sought.

Because the conditions under which the service is performed may change at any time, the authority herein granted will be made to expire at the end of one year unless sooner changed, canceled or extended by order of the Commission.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

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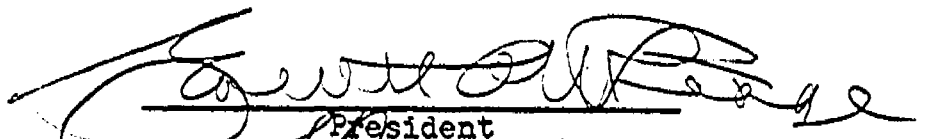
The proposed rate of \$7.22 per hour is the same as the rate established by the Commission as minimum effective November 1, 1959, for similar vehicle rental service within the City of San Francisco.

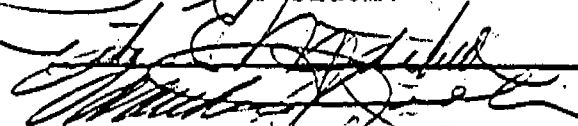
(1) That A & B Garment Delivery of San Francisco, a corporation, is hereby authorized, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, to establish and publish in Item No. 2040 of Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau's Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 8-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1, MF-I.C.C. No. 1, issued by Maurice A. Owens, Agent, a vehicle unit rate of \$7.22 per hour, subject to all of the specified conditions currently shown therein.

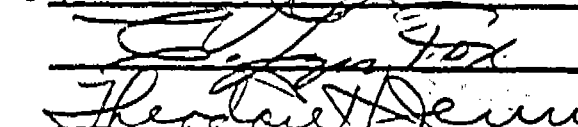
(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire December 25, 1960.

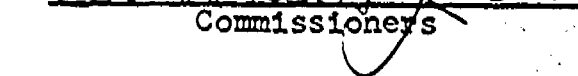
The effective date of this order shall be December 25, 1959.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of December, 1959.



President






Commissioners