

Decision No. 59592

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
Pacific Car Demurrage Bureau, for)
authority to adjust strike-inter-) Application No. 41867
ference demurrage rate commensurate)
with current per diem charges.)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, filed January 19, 1960, C. J. Crittenden, Tariff Publishing Officer, Pacific Car Demurrage Bureau, on behalf of California rail carriers parties to his Tariff No. 8-Series, seeks authority to increase the intrastate demurrage charges for detention of cars caused by strike interference. Applicant desires authority to amend the California intrastate application of Part H, of Rule 4 of his Tariff No. 8-Series to conform to interstate, that is, to provide that charges for the detention of cars caused by strike interference shall be \$3.13 per car per day in lieu of \$3.00, resulting in an increase.

The application states that for many years the rail carriers, parties to applicant's tariff, have maintained a reduced charge for detention of cars caused by strike interference. Applicant states the current charge is based on an amount equal to the prevailing per diem rate plus 25 cents per car per day. It further states that the current rate of \$2.75 is less than the carriers' current cost of \$2.88 which must be paid to car-owning roads.

The application shows that on or about January 14, 1960, a copy of the application was served on persons known or believed to have an interest in car demurrage charges in general. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the sought increase charge is justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That C. J. Crittenden, Tariff Publishing Officer, Pacific Car Demurrage Bureau, on behalf of the railroads named in Appendix "A" of this application, is hereby authorized to increase, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, the demurrage charge for the detention of cars caused by strike interference to \$3.13 per car per day as proposed in the above-entitled application.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the date hereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of February, 1960.

President

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Commissioners