

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 59784

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA)
FE RAILWAY COMPANY for authority) Application No. 41734
to cancel rates on trailer-on-flat)
car service between Los Angeles)
and San Diego, California.)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, filed December 8, 1959, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company seeks authority to cancel its rates for the movement of freight by trailer-on-flatcar service between Los Angeles and San Diego.¹

Applicant states that little traffic has moved under the trailer-on-flatcar rates involved herein; that only four shippers have used this service in recent years; and that during the past twelve months no use whatsoever has been made of this service by any shipper. Applicant further states that its customers have for some time had, and will continue to have, truck service available to them between these points via Santa Fe Transportation Company, a highway common carrier facility of applicant.

¹ The rates are currently published in The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company Freight Tariff No. 15555-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 834.

According to the application, applicant's present trailer-on-flatcar commodity rates for certain articles listed in Appendix "A" of the application are lower than the existing rail carload commodity rates published in other rail tariffs.² Applicant states that to the best of its information and belief these lower rates have not been used by highway carriers, and are not published in the tariffs of any highway common carriers. Therefore, applicant believes that for all practical purposes the cancellation of the rates herein involved will not affect any rates or charges currently assessed by any highway carriers.

A copy of this application was mailed on or about December 7, 1959, to various shippers, shipper organizations and chambers of commerce. No objection to the granting of the application has been received by the Commission.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed discontinuance of the trailer-on-flatcar service, and cancellation of the rates therefor, is justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

² The application recites that this difference came about as a result of the application of increases equal to the Ex Parte 175 surcharge to these rates, on the one hand, and increasing the rates applicable to rail carload service by the Ex Parte 175 conversion table, on the other hand. The resulting differences, applicant states, caused by rounding off fractions to whole figures on all but the rates here involved, have been perpetuated and, to a limited extent, increased by the subsequent freight rate increases applied within California.

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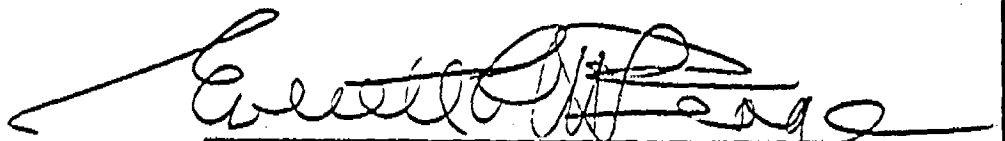
IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company is hereby authorized to cancel, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, the rates applicable to trailer-on-flatcar service as proposed in Application No. 41734.


(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

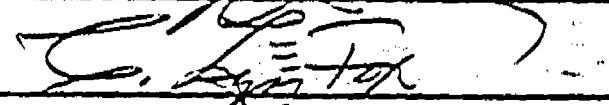
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

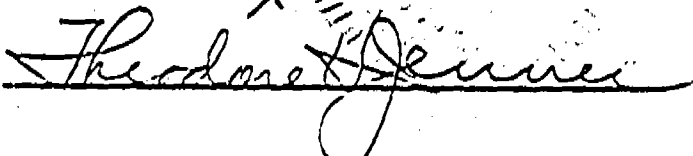
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of March, 1960.



President







Commissioners