

Decision No. 59854

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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 Delete Plaster)	Application No. 41906
Boards from Mixed Shipment Provisions)	
of its Tariff 300.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, filed February 1, 1960, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau, through its chairman, J. P. Haynes, on behalf of carriers parties to said bureau, seeks authority, on less than statutory notice, to delete plaster boards as a commodity which may be included in mixed shipments with roofing and related articles under the provisions of Item 1480 of Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau, Agent, Tariff 300. The deletion would result in an increase in rates on plaster boards when shipped in mixed carloads with roofing and related articles.

Historically, according to the applicant, roofing and building material rates were generally higher than those on plaster boards, and the intention of the mixed-shipment provisions here involved was to allow the mixing of carload shipments of roofing and plaster boards without subjecting the shipper to higher less-carload rates on the latter. As motor truck competition became more intense, rates on roofing and related articles were reduced so that generally such rates are now lower than the rates on plaster boards, at least, between points where many of the principal movements take place.

Applicant avers that by including one roll of roofing in an entire carload of plaster boards, mixed carload charges may be developed which are lower than the charges on straight carloads of plaster boards of the same weight normally moving under the specific commodity rates for plaster boards in Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau, Agent, Tariff 273-B; that this is an anomaly, and goes far beyond the original purpose of the mixing rule as published; that general mixed-shipment provisions have been provided in both applicant's Tariff 300 and Tariff 273 permitting rates on mixed carload shipments which do not penalize the separate weights of any of the articles included in such shipments; and that there is thus no longer any sound reason for maintaining the separate mixed shipment provisions of Item 1480 of Tariff 300.

According to the application the proposal to delete plaster boards as sought herein was publicized prior to filing of the application. The application also shows that copies thereof were mailed to the principal California producers and shippers of plaster boards who would have an interest in this matter. No objection to the granting of the sought authority has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed deletion of plaster boards from the mixed-shipment provisions as proposed herein is 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, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to delete plaster boards from the mixed shipment rule of Item 1480 of its Tariff 300, as proposed in the above-entitled application.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety 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 29th day of March, 1960.

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 President

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Theodore J. Deiner

 Commissioners