

Decision No. 60087**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation into  
 the rates, rules, regulations, charges,  
 allowances and practices of all common  
 carriers, highway carriers and city  
 carriers relating to the transportation  
 of uncrated new furniture (commodities  
 for which rates are provided in Minimum  
 Rate Tariff No. 11-A).

Case No. 5603  
 (Petition for Modification  
 No. 7)

O P I N I O N

Safe Transportation Company, a corporation, is principally engaged as a highway common carrier in the transportation of new, uncrated furniture and related articles between certain points in this State. By this petition it seeks authority to maintain and observe rates for the above-described transportation which are lower than those established as minimum by the Commission's Minimum Rate Tariff No. 11-A.

Prior to November 13, 1959, the rates in said Minimum Rate Tariff No. 11-A were generally lower, for the same transportation, than those maintained by petitioner in its Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1. Effective on the above-mentioned date, however, the minimum rates were increased pursuant to the Commission's Decision No. 59135, dated October 6, 1959. As indicated in that decision, the basis for increases in the rates applicable in the northern part of the State was to place said rates on a parity with those of Safe Transportation Company.

According to the petition herein, it develops that some of the increased minimum rates are from one half to one cent higher than the corresponding rates in petitioner's local tariff. These discrepancies, it is stated, result by reason of differences in the respective disposition of fractions rules published in the aforesaid minimum rate tariff and in petitioner's tariff. The petition further states that the cost of reissuing its tariff pages to remove these minor deviations from the minimum rates would far exceed the loss of revenue which petitioner would experience during a period of six months by reason of such deviations.

By Application No. 42047 petitioner herein is seeking increases totaling eight percent in the rates and charges named in its aforesaid local tariff. According to the petition herein, petitioner anticipates that the Commission will reach a decision with respect to Application No. 42047 within six months.<sup>1/</sup> Predicated on this expectation, petitioner requests that it be authorized to continue the above-mentioned deviations from the minimum rate order for a period of six months.

Upon consideration, the Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that, under the circumstances hereinbefore set forth, the request for relief is reasonable. The petition will be granted.

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<sup>1/</sup> Public hearing of Application No. 42047 was held on April 22, 1960, following which the matter was taken under submission.

ORDER

Based upon the findings and conclusions set forth in the preceding opinion,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The above-numbered petition filed in this proceeding is hereby granted.

2. The authority herein granted shall expire November 16, 1960.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1960.

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President

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Theodore Jensen  
Commissioners