

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 60195

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau for )  
 authority to increase certain rates ) Application No. 42178  
 and minimum weights on automobiles )  
 between points in California. )

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application filed April 21, 1960, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau seeks authority to increase certain railroad rates and minimum weights applicable on automobiles in carloads between the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas and intermediate points. In general, the rates would be increased from 99 cents per 100 pounds to \$1.25 per 100 pounds, and the minimum weight would be increased from 10,000 pounds to 14,000 pounds.

Applicant alleges that the principal rates in this adjustment proposed to be affected do not produce revenues sufficient to cover the out-of-pocket costs of transportation. It avers that the present rates are depressed, that the proposed increase will place such rates on a compensatory basis, and that the proposed rates and minimum weights will be just and reasonable in all respects.

The following table compares applicant's estimated out-of-pocket cost (in cents per 100 pounds) between so-called key points with the rates proposed (in cents per 100 pounds):

<u>FROM</u>	<u>Average Per-Car Loading</u>	<u>TO SAN FRANCISCO</u>		<u>Proposed Rate</u>
		<u>Out-of- Pocket Cost</u>	<u>Minimum Carload Weight</u>	
Raymer (Los Angeles)	14,400 Pounds	113	14,000 Pounds	125
South Gate	17,000 Pounds	100	14,000 Pounds	125

The application, as supplemented by an explanatory letter, shows that all manufacturers and other known shippers of new automobiles in carload quantities have been informed of the proposed rate adjustment and have stated that they would offer no objection thereto.

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

Therefore, good cause appearing,

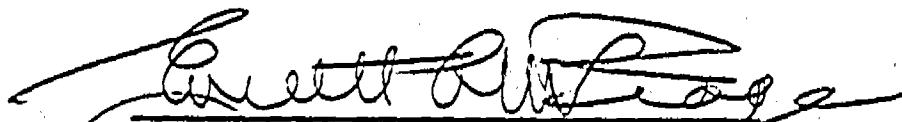


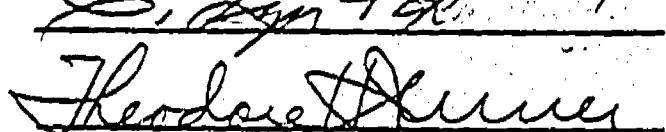
IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau is hereby authorized to publish the increased rates, charges and minimum weights 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1960.

  
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Commissioners