

Decision No. 60234

**ORIGINAL**

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 the stopover  
charge for loading and unloading car-  
load freight and related per-car  
storage-in-transit charges to \$17.00  
per car.

Application No. 42175

In the Matter of the Investigation  
into the rates, rules and regulations,  
charges, allowances and practices of  
all common carriers, highway carriers  
and city carriers relating to the  
transportation of any and all commodi-  
ties between and within all points and  
places in the State of California  
(including, but not limited to, trans-  
portation for which rates are provided  
in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2).

Case No. 5432

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, filed April 20, 1960, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau seeks authority to increase the stop-over charge for loading and unloading of carload freight and related per-car storage-in-transit charges to \$17.00 per car. The proposed charge would result in increases of 16 cents and 92 cents per car over the current charges, which vary according to the circumstances.

Applicant states that a uniform charge of \$17.00 per car has been established for interstate application for the services involved herein, and that all railroad rate jurisdictions in Western Territory have approved the proposed charge. It is alleged that the establishment of the proposed uniform charge will result in substantial savings in clerical, stenographic, and rating checking time to carriers and shippers alike.

Applicant avers that the rates, rules and charges resulting from the proposed increases will be just and reasonable in all respects.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed increases are justified. No objection has been received to the granting of this application. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Several highway common carriers publish the present stop charges under the alternative provisions of outstanding minimum rate orders. These carriers will be authorized and directed to make a like adjustment in these rail-competitive charges.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau is hereby authorized to publish the increased stop-over charge for loading and unloading of carload freight and related per-car storage-in-transit charges 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.

(3) That highway common carriers maintaining, under outstanding authorizations permitting the alternative use of rail rates, rates below the specific minimum rate levels otherwise applicable are hereby authorized and directed to increase such charges, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to the level of the rail charges authorized herein; and that such adjustment shall be made effective not later than thirty days after the effectiveness of the increased rail charges.

(4) That such highway common carriers are hereby authorized to depart from the long-and-short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code and Article XII, Section 21, of the Constitution of the State of California, to the extent necessary to make the adjustments authorized and directed herein.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1960.

Everett B. Page  
President

W. L. Miller

Theodore J. J. J.

Commissioners