

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 60679

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
A. R. Pearson Truck Co., Inc., for) Application No. 42524
authority to increase rates pursuant)
to Section 454, Public Utilities Code.)

OPINION AND ORDER

A. R. Pearson Truck Co., Inc., operates as a highway common carrier for the transportation of general commodities within a prescribed area in southern California.¹ In connection with its certificate of public convenience and necessity, applicant provides a specialized service of transporting industrial and heavy machinery and other commodities of abnormal size and weight which, because of such size and weight, require the use of and are transported on low-bed trailers. In addition to the transportation, applicant performs specialized and diversified accessorial services in the placement, rigging, and/or dismantling of articles of unusual size and weight.

By this application, filed July 29, 1960, authority is sought to increase by from 7 to 10 percent the hourly rates, the additional labor charges, and certain charges for specialized non-transportation services, and to make the increases effective on less than statutory notice.

As justification for the proposed increases, the application states that since the last rate adjustment applicant's costs of operations, chiefly labor costs, have increased; that for the first five months of 1960 applicant's operations were unprofitable and that such operations, without the sought increases, will continue to be unprofitable.

Applicant avers that the proposed rates and charges are substantially on the same level as those currently being assessed by competitive noncertificated low-bed carriers whose operations are

¹ The area is described in Appendix "A" of Decision No. 55827, in Application No. 36197.

exempt from the minimum rate orders of this Commission. Applicant states that no carrier or shipper will be adversely affected by the increases in rates as herein proposed, inasmuch as such rates have been the basis of transportation charges for a large number of carriers in the area, and are in fact the "going rates" in the territory.

In view of all of the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed increases are justified. This is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That A. R. Pearson Truck Co., Inc., is hereby authorized to publish, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, the proposed rates, rules and regulations set forth in Exhibit "A" of the above-entitled application.

(2) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date hereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of September, 1960.

Greene A. Page
 President

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