

Decision No. 61429

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of)	
RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INCORPORATED,)	
to increase intrastate surface)	
express rates, and charges on silk)	Application No. 42901
and wool piece goods, bicycles,)	
children's vehicles and see-saws)	
within the State of California.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, filed November 28, 1960, Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, seeks authority to increase certain of its express rates on silk and wool piece goods, bicycles, children's vehicles and see-saws.

Applicant reduced its rates on the foregoing commodities variously on July 5, July 25 and August 15, 1960. Allegedly, the reductions in rates were intended to meet rates of competing carriers, principally freight forwarders. According to applicant, some of the rates on the foregoing commodities were inadvertently reduced below the rates of competing carriers. Applicant seeks to increase those rates which were inadvertently reduced below competing carrier rates to the level of these latter rates.

The application shows that the rates sought are the same as those now applicable to these commodities on interstate surface express traffic and on intrastate traffic within many states other than California. The application also shows that the proposed rates will still be below those which applied to these commodities prior to July 5, July 25 and August 15, 1960, as the case may be. Applicant alleges that increases in rates would be slight; that applicant has transported little or no California

intrastate traffic of these commodities; and that the sought increases in intrastate rates will have virtually no effect on applicant's revenue. Applicant further alleges that it is desirable, both for applicant's customers and for applicant, to have intrastate and interstate rates at the same level in order to obviate misunderstandings, mistakes and costly administration of tariffs.

Upon consideration of all of the facts and circumstances set forth in the verified application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed increased rates are justified. No objection to the granting of the application has been received. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Applicant also requests authority to publish such rates and charges on five days' notice and to depart from the requirements of the Commission's Tariff Circular No. 2 to the extent necessary to permit publication of the proposed increases in the same form as tariffs filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission. Both of these requests appear to be reasonable and will be granted.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

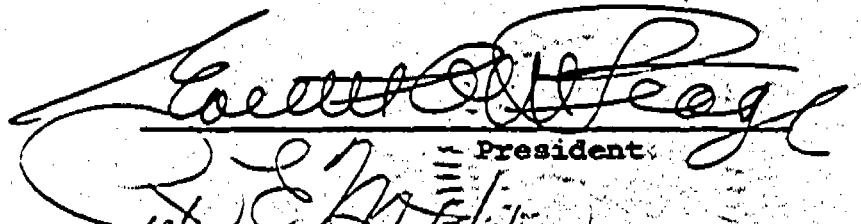
(1) That Railway Express Agency, Incorporated, is hereby authorized to publish, on five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, increased rates and charges as proposed for surface express shipments of silk and wool piece goods, bicycles, children's vehicles and see-saws within California on the same level as that currently applicable on interstate traffic in its Commodity Tariff No. 33, Cal.P.U.C. 258.

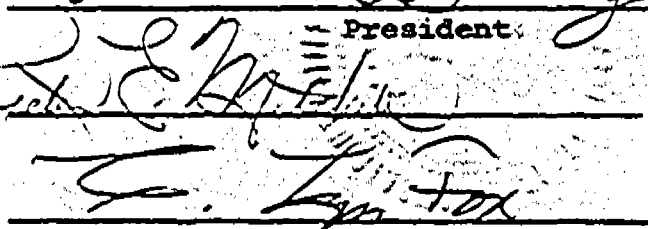
(2) That applicant is hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of the Commission's Tariff Circular No. 2 to the extent necessary to publish such increased rates and charges in the same form as in its tariff filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

(3) 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 3rd day of February, 1961.



President


Commissioners