

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 62766

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
THE WESTERN CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE ) Application No. 43780  
for authority to increase minimum )  
carload charges to \$40.00 per car on ) (Filed September 21, 1961)  
all commodities. )

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, The Western Classification Committee, on behalf of California carriers whose rates it publishes, seeks authority to increase the minimum carload charge in connection with the transportation of brick, cement, chert, coal, coke, forest products, ore, manure, sand, gravel, slag, stone, sugar and water on California intrastate traffic, from \$39.82 to \$40 per car, when moving under class rates.

The current interstate minimum charge per car is \$40 on all traffic, regardless of commodity. The \$40 charge is applicable on all California intrastate traffic except the commodities involved herein. The proposed increase, it may be noted, would be 18 cents per car.

Applicant alleges that there are no commercial or other reasons why the minimum carload charge should be maintained on a lower basis for California intrastate traffic than for interstate traffic between points in California or for interstate traffic between points in neighboring states; and that from a classification standpoint no reason exists for exempting the various commodities herein involved from the minimum per car charge provision of \$40.

Applicant has informed the Commission that, on or about September 18, 1961, copies of the application were served on various shippers and organizations believed to be interested. No objection has been received to the granting of the application.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the increases resulting from the publication of the minimum

per car charge herein involved are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

(1) The Western Classification Committee is hereby authorized to publish and increase the minimum per car charge to \$40 for class rated traffic to apply on the commodities named in the above-entitled application.

(2) The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of November, 1961.

Carol W. Page  
President

W. L. Mitchell

E. L. Fox

George L. Grover

Commissioners

~~Commissioner Frederick B. Holoboff~~  
~~did not participate in the disposition of~~  
~~this proceeding.~~

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Commissioner Frederick B. Holoboff, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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