Decision No. 62915

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation)
into the rates, rules, regulations,)
charges, allowances and practices of)
all common carriers, highway carriers	· ·
and city carriers relating to the) Case No. 5432
transportation of any and all com-) (Petitions for Modification
modities between and within all) Nos. 233 and 235)
points and places in the State of)
California (including, but not)
limited to, transportation for)
which rates are provided in)
Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2).)

SUPPLEMENTAL INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

The fourth ordering paragraph of Decision No. 62782 in this proceeding reads:

"That the increased class rates, surcharges, minimum charges, and accessorial service charges directed to be established by Ordering Paragraph 2 hereof be and they are authorized to be made applicable also for the transportation of traffic:

- (a) for which minimum commodity rates have been established.
- (b) for which minimum rates have not been established."

Inquiries have been received as to whether the decision authorized common carrier having both class and commodity rates on exempt commodities to increase such commodity rates to the increased class rate level, or, if not, whether or to what extent the commodity rates on exempt commodities may be increased pursuant to the order.

The petitions which were the subject of said Decision No.62782 proposed, among other things, "that common carriers be authorized to establish such increases as may be prescribed in class and commodity rates and charges in connection with the transportation of exempt commodities."

The record contains no warrant for increasing commodity rates to class rate levels but it is appropriate and proper that general commodities for which minimum rates have not been established should bear their fair share of the increased costs of performing the transportation services and such was the intention of the Commission's order.

The order will be clarified and amended to provide this result Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the following ordering paragraphs shall be substituted in place and stead of Ordering Paragraph 4 in Decision No. 62782:

That the increased class rates, surcharges, minimum charges, and accessorial service charges directed to be established by Ordering Paragraph 2 hereof be and they are authorized to be made applicable for the transportation of traffic now subject to class rates in common carrier tariffs:

- (a) for which minimum commodity rates have been established.
- (b) for which minimum rates have not been established.

That common carriers which are subject to the Public Utilities Act and which maintain rates subject to Decision No. 31606, as amended, are hereby authorized to increase their commodity

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rates on commodities for which minimum rates have not been established by the Commission as follows:

Rates Subject to Minimum Weight of	Increase (percent)
Any quantity or less than 2,000 pounds	10
2,000 pounds but less than 4,000 pounds	8
4,000 pounds but less than 10,000 pounds	7
10,000 pounds and over	6

In all other respects, Decision No. 62782, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

This order shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this _____ day of December, 1961.

President

Commissioners