

Decision No. 6427S

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application)  
of H.R. HINSCH, AGENT, for )  
authority to publish uniform )  
Storage Charges on California )  
Intrastate Traffic commensurate )  
with Interstate Storage Charges.)

Application No. 44491  
(Filed May 28, 1962)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, H. R. Hinsch, Agent, on behalf of California rail carriers, seeks authority to increase certain charges for the storage of freight in railroad freight houses and on railroad property in California. An increase of one cent is proposed in charges stated in cents per 100 pounds per day, and increases of from 5 cents to 24 cents are proposed in daily per-car storage charges. Minimum storage charges would be increased one cent for shipments held five days or less and two cents for shipments held more than five days.

The stated purpose of the proposed adjustment is to make the charges uniform with charges now applicable for these services on interstate traffic and on intrastate traffic in other states.

Applicant alleges that for many years the rail carriers participating in his tariff had maintained uniform charges for this storage and that this Commission has from time to time authorized increases in these storage charges on California traffic to retain uniformity with charges on interstate traffic and on intrastate traffic in other states. According to the application, adjustments made in storage charges on interstate traffic effective July 9, 1961, pursuant to authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission, resulted in five different levels of storage charges being applicable

throughout the United States. Charges for these storage services have since been adjusted to a uniform basis on interstate traffic and on intrastate traffic in most of the other states. The adjustments proposed in this application would make the charges on California intrastate traffic uniform with charges on such interstate and intrastate traffic.

The application states that the proposed charges have been considered and approved by the Association of American Railroad's Demurrage and Storage Committee, the National Industrial Traffic League's Car Demurrage and Storage Committee, and the full membership of the National Industrial Traffic League.

The application shows that, on or about May 23, 1962, a copy thereof was mailed to a substantial list of interested shippers and competing carriers in California. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that applicant's proposal to increase the storage charges herein involved is justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. H. R. Hinsch, Agent, Trunk Line-Central Territory Railroads, is hereby authorized to amend Sections A and C (Rule 5) of Item 1220 and Sections A, B and C (Rule 6) of Item 1225 of his Freight Tariff 4-E by increasing the storage charges therein as set forth in Exhibit "A" of the above-entitled application.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than ten days

