

ORIGINALDecision No. 66074

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
PACIFIC SOUTHCOAST FREIGHT BUREAU)	Application No. 45627
for authority to restrict application)	(Filed July 29, 1963)
of all-freight carload rates.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau seeks authority to restrict various all-freight rail carload rates so as not to apply to the transportation of guided missiles, guided rockets and certain related guidance systems, control apparatus and frame assemblies. The effect of the proposal on the rates on these articles would be to replace the all-freight rates with higher class rates based on classification ratings subject to released valuations.

Applicant alleges that the commodities herein involved are of extremely high value. It is averred that, while the amount of information available on these articles is limited due to security reasons, available information indicates the value ranges from \$30 to \$750 per pound.

The application states that by Decision No. 61828, dated April 4, 1961 in Application No. 43002, the Western Classification Committee was granted authority for the publication of released-value rates and ratings on the specified commodities referred to herein on California intrastate traffic, and that the authorization granted by Decision No. 61828 was similar to that previously authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission with respect to interstate traffic.^{1/}

^{1/} The released-value ratings referred to were made effective in connection with class rates on California intrastate traffic on May 15, 1961 in Supplement 23a to Western Classification No. 77.

It is further alleged that the adjustment herein proposed will be consistent with and supplement the authority heretofore granted by this Commission with respect to the publication of released-value rates and ratings on these commodities.

According to the application, the commodities referred to herein are made primarily by or on behalf of the United States Government and are generally of extraordinary high value; and that the proposed adjustments are urgently needed to protect carriers against claims in extraordinary and substantial amounts which are completely out of proportion to the freight charges paid under the all-freight rates herein involved.

It is asserted that the adjustments herein proposed were publicized on December 24, 1960, and that there were no objections to them by carriers or shippers. No objection to the granting of this application has been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Based upon all the facts and circumstances we find that the proposed adjustments in rates are justified. The application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Application No. 45627 of Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau be and it is granted.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than thirty days after the effective date hereof on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. 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 29th day of SEPTEMBER, 1963.

William W. Bennett
President
John E. Bevilacqua
George G. Grover
Frederick B. Hollohoff
Commissioners