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Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investiga- )  
tion into the rates, rules, )  
regulations, charges, allowances )  
and practices of all common car- )  
riers, highway carriers and city )  
carriers relating to the trans- )  
portation of any and all commodi- )  
ties between and within all )  
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). )

Case No. 5432  
(Petition for Modification No. 316)  
(Filed November 29, 1963)

OPINION AND ORDER

Yreka Western Railroad Company, a corporation, operates in Siskiyou and Humboldt Counties as a highway common carrier of general commodities between Montague, Yreka and Etna and intermediate points, and between Yreka and Orleans and intermediate points.<sup>1</sup> By Decision No. 64791 dated January 15, 1963, in Case No. 5432 (Petition for Modification No. 284), it was authorized to publish minimum per-shipment charges lower than those otherwise applicable as minimum. The authorized charges are published to expire February 5, 1964. By this petition, it seeks authority to continue to publish minimum charges less than the minimum rates otherwise applicable for a further one-year period but to increase certain of such charges to a higher level than currently published.

The petitioner has heretofore shown that the conditions surrounding the transportation involved are not generally applicable

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<sup>1</sup> It also operates as a common carrier by railroad between Yreka and Montague.

to other regions of the State; that petitioner has always been subject to severe proprietary competition for the traffic involved; that minimum charges higher than those proposed would divert traffic and cause petitioner to realize less net revenue than it would receive at the lesser charges herein sought to be established; and that the diversion of minimum shipments from its lines would prejudice its ability to continue to provide service in its area.

The petitioner now states that the circumstances set forth in prior petitions which required granting of the current authority have continued to exist and now exist, and require that the existing charges be continued for another year but upon a higher level than previously authorized due to increased labor and other costs which assertedly justify the increased rates. The petitioner further states that the sought charges are reasonable charges as applied to petitioner's traffic.

The petition shows that a copy thereof was served on the California Trucking Association on or about November 27, 1963. No objection to its being granted has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed charges are reasonable and justified by transportation conditions. A public hearing is not necessary. The petition will be granted.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Yreka Western Railroad Company is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to expire February 5, 1965, the following minimum charges for its highway common carrier operations:

MINIMUM CHARGES IN CENTS PER SHIPMENT BETWEEN MONTAGUE,  
YREKA AND ETNA AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

<u>Weight of Shipment</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>
Less than 15 pounds -----	75
15 pounds and less than 50 pounds -----	95
50 pounds and less than 75 pounds -----	115
75 pounds and less than 100 pounds -----	140
100 pounds to and including 250 pounds --	175
Over 250 pounds -----	450

MINIMUM CHARGES IN CENTS PER SHIPMENT BETWEEN YREKA  
AND ORLEANS AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

Weight of shipment less than 14 pounds, minimum charge  
125 cents.

Weight of shipment 14 pounds and over:

- (1) If classified 1st class or lower, for 100 pounds  
at the class or commodity rate applicable thereto;  
or
- (2) If classified higher than 1st class, for 100  
pounds at the 1st class rate; or
- (3) If shipment contains different articles, and  
no article is rated higher than 1st class,  
for 100 pounds at the class or commodity rate  
applicable to the articles taking highest rate;  
or if any of the articles is rated higher than  
1st class, for 100 pounds at the 1st class  
rate; but
- (4) In no event shall the minimum charge be less than  
185 cents.

This order shall become effective ten days after the  
date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
January, 1964.

William La Berruth  
President

Robert L. Ditchfield

Wesley W. Page

George L. Hoover

Fredrick B. Halshoff  
Commissioners