

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 68822

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)	Case No. 5330
of all household goods carriers,)	(Petition for Modification No.26)
common carriers, highway carriers,)	(Filed February 11, 1965)
and city carriers, relating to the)	
transportation of used household)	
goods and related property.)	

ORDER SUSPENDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF TARIFF PAGES AND REOPENING PROCEEDING FOR FURTHER HEARING

By this petition, California Moving & Storage Association, Inc., seeks to defer the operation of or to modify certain revised rules adopted November 30, 1964, and scheduled to become effective April 24, 1965, pertaining to estimating practices of household goods carriers and delays to household goods shipments. (Decision No. 68306 dated November 30, 1964, in Case No. 5330 (Order Setting Hearing dated February 11, 1964).) It urges that this matter be handled without hearing but requests further hearing if it is deemed essential in order to resolve the matter.

Petitioner alleges that the rules in question would be impractical and unworkable; would disrupt the orderly flow of household goods by household goods carriers; would increase the cost of transportation; and would ultimately result in a required increase in minimum rates.

An extensive record was made during six days of public hearing in the above proceeding at which the Commission staff, the Consumer Counsel, interested shippers, respondent carriers and the petitioner in this proceeding submitted proposed rules on which the tariff revisions in question are based. Many of the allegations now made by petitioner were advanced at the hearing. In other respects, however, petitioner indicates that new considerations may be involved.

In this respect, it alleges that the rule, which requires household goods carriers to file each month with the Commission a report of all instances during the preceding month where the actual charges exceed the estimates by ten percent or more, is in conflict with shipments handled on a credit basis such as National Account traffic.

Petitioner further alleges that a discrepancy occurs in Item No. 431, which deals with the requirements of packing and unpacking of household goods. Petitioner avers that carriers will unpack any household goods required by shippers whereas the item implies that the carrier will unpack containers it has packed, but not those the shipper has packed.

Petitioner refers to a conflict in Items Nos. 180 and 432. Item No. 180 provides for storage-in-transit and names rates and charges therefor. Item No. 432 states that additional charges are normally made for such service. Petitioner infers that, under these items, one carrier may charge for storage-in-transit and another may not charge for this service.

The Commission is of the opinion that petitioner should be afforded an opportunity to submit further evidence in these matters. Petitioner will be expected to come forth promptly and be prepared to make a full presentation in support of its allegations.

The Commission having considered the petition and each and every allegation therein, is of the opinion that the request to defer the effective date of the tariff pages covered by Decision No. 68306, supra, has been justified and that the matter pertaining to the proposed amendment of the rules should be set for public hearing.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Petitioner's request to defer the effective date of the tariff pages covered by Decision No. 68306 dated November 30, 1964,

in Case No. 5330 (Order Setting Hearing dated February 11, 1964) is hereby granted, and the effective date of the tariff pages is suspended until further order.

2. Case No. 5330 (Order Setting Hearing dated February 11, 1964) is reopened for further hearing to be held before such Commissioner and Examiner and at such time and place as the Commission may designate thereafter.

3. Minimum Rate Tariff No. 4-B (Appendix C of Decision No. 65521, as amended) is further amended by incorporating therein Supplement No. 3 attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

4. In all other respects said Decision No. 65521, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of March, 1965.

Fredrick B. Holoboff
President
Walter E. Mitchell
George L. Grover
Augustus
William B. Bennett
Commissioners

SUSPENSION SUPPLEMENT

SUPPLEMENT NO. 3
(Supplements Nos. 2 and 3 Contain All Changes)
TO

MINIMUM RATE TARIFF NO. 4-B

Naming

MINIMUM RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE

TRANSPORTATION OF USED PROPERTY, VIZ.:

HOUSEHOLD GOODS, PERSONAL EFFECTS AND OFFICE, STORE AND

INSTITUTION FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT OVER

THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BY

CITY CARRIERS

RADIAL HIGHWAY COMMON CARRIERS

HIGHWAY CONTRACT CARRIERS

AND

HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIERS

SUSPENSION NOTICE

The effective date of the following tariff page is suspended until further order of the Commission:

Second Revised Page 2	Second Revised Page 17	Original Page 35
Original Page 2-A	First Revised Page 30	Original Page 36
First Revised Page 7	First Revised Page 31	Original Page 37
Original Page 7-A	First Revised Page 32	Original Page 38
Original Page 7-B	Original Page 33	Original Page 39
First Revised Page 13	Original Page 34	Original Page 40
First Revised Page 14		

Decision No. **68822**

ISSUED **MAR 30 1965**

Issued by the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
State Building, Civic Center
San Francisco, California