

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 69248

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of: )  
THE RIVER LINES, INC. )

For an order to maintain authorized )  
departure from the provisions of )  
Section 20, of the Constitution of )  
the State of California, and Section )  
454 of the Public Utilities Code, to )  
increase certain minimum weights, )  
rates and charges to the extent out- )  
lined in Exhibit "A" attached to, )  
and by reference thereto, made a )  
part of this application. )

Application No. 47513  
(Filed April 21, 1965)

OPINION AND ORDER

The River Lines, Inc., operates as a common carrier by vessel for the transportation of property between points on San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun Bays and San Joaquin and Sacramento Deltas. By this application, authority is sought to publish minimum weights per shipment of 1,000,000 pounds and, in some instances, 1,600,000 pounds on grain, rice and certain other commodities and to increase charges for service on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and for stopoff service, detention and demurrage.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant alleges that for the past 14 years its operations have been carried on by means of nonself propelled barges in conjunction with separate towing equipment and that such nonself propelled barges have a capacity in excess of 500 tons. It further alleges that, prior to changing its operations to nonself propelled

<sup>1</sup>Increases from \$14.00 to \$20.00 per hour for service on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays; \$48.00 to \$100.00 for stopoff service; \$24.00 to \$30.00 per hour for detention; and \$73.00 to \$100.00 per dry cargo barge per day and \$250.00 per bulk cargo barge per day for demurrage are proposed.

barges, it operated both river-going vessels and barges and was in a position to handle shipments in small as well as large quantities. Applicant avers that, since its operations have been conducted solely by barge, it has become impractical and uneconomical to handle shipments in small lots and such shipments have not been offered to it for a number of years.

Applicant states that the traffic involved consists of grain and rice in bulk and a small amount of miscellaneous commodities and that its rates and accessorial charges for similar transportation in interstate or foreign commerce will be increased to the same extent.

Applicant asserts that the cost of operating barges on either interstate or intrastate traffic is identical and the proposed increases in the minimum weights and accessorial charges are needed in order to make its operations remunerative.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was served on interested shippers and various chambers of commerce on April 20, 1965. No objection to the granting of this application has been received.

The Commission finds that the proposed increases are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The River Lines, Inc., is authorized to establish the increased rates and charges as proposed in Exhibit "A" of Application No. 47513.

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 of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. The authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1965.

*Fredrick B. Halblaff*

President

*Peter S. Mitchell*

*George H. Hoover*

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*William A. Bennett*

Commissioners