

Decision No. 69862

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of: )	
A. R. PEARSON TRUCK CO., INC. for )	Application No. 47838
authority to increase tariff rates )	(Filed August 24, 1965)
and provisions. )	

OPINION AND ORDER

A. R. Pearson Truck Co., Inc., operates as a highway common carrier for the transportation of general commodities within a prescribed area in southern California. By this application it seeks authority to increase rates.<sup>1</sup>

The application shows that applicant specializes in transporting industrial and heavy machinery and other commodities of abnormal size and weight which, because of such size and weight, require the use of and are transported on low-bed trailers and other specialized equipment. In addition to the transportation, applicant performs specialized and diversified accessorial services in the installation and removal of machinery.

Minimum rates have not been established in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 to govern the transportation of commodities of abnormal size or weight which because of such size or weight require the use of and are transported on low-bed trailers. The transportation rates as set forth in applicant's tariff are stated in cents per hour for the transportation of freight, regardless of classification, and vary with the weight of the shipment transported by the unit of carrier's equipment at one time during a single transaction.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The rates are set forth in Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1, of A. R. Pearson Truck Co., Inc.

<sup>2</sup>The tariff also contains rates on an hourly basis for specialized nontransportation services. Only the transportation rates are proposed to be increased by this application.

The present and proposed rates are set forth fully in the tariff and application, and are shown in the following table:

<u>Weight of Shipment in Pounds</u>	<u>Rate per hour</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
6,000 or less	\$11.00	-
Over 6,000 but not over 12,000	12.50	-
Over 0 but not over 12,000	-	\$14.50
Over 12,000 but not over 20,000	13.75	15.75
Over 20,000 but not over 30,000	14.75	17.25
Over 30,000 but not over 44,000	15.75	-
Over 30,000 but not over 44,000 (Without Permit)	-	17.90
Over 30,000 but not over 44,000 (With Permit)	-	20.00
Over 44,000 but not over 60,000	18.75	24.90
Over 60,000 but not over 80,000	22.75	29.75
Over 80,000 but not over 150,000	32.50	-
Over 80,000 but not over 100,000	-	36.95
1 Man Hydraulic Monorail Truck	11.00	13.50
Fork Lift (Capacity 2,000 to 10,000 pounds)	10.65	-
Fork Lift (Capacity under 10,000 pounds)	-	12.55
Fork Lift (Capacity over 10,000 pounds but not over 20,000 pounds)	-	13.35
Fork Lift (Capacity over 20,000 pounds)	-	15.00
Power Truck	12.25	-

According to the application the proposed rates are on substantially the same level as those currently being assessed by competitive noncertificated carriers whose operations are exempt from the minimum rate orders of this Commission.<sup>3</sup> Applicant further states that it is informed and believes that no person (carrier or shipper) will be adversely affected by the increases in rates herein proposed.

The rates and charges contained in applicant's tariff were last adjusted on December 28, 1962, pursuant to Decision No. 64566 dated November 27, 1962, in Application No. 44847. Increases sought herein were not specifically covered in the latest general increases in the Commission's minimum rate tariffs.

Applicant alleges that the costs of transporting property by motor vehicle have increased since the latest adjustment in its

<sup>3</sup>The rates used by the noncertificated carriers, according to the application, are set forth in a Low-Bed Truck Operator's Rate Memorandum No. 100, published by Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent.

rates. Such increases in costs have resulted principally from increases in wages incurred under labor contracts. Past records indicate that increased operating costs were also experienced in fuel taxes, vehicle weight fees and workmen's compensation insurance rates.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 25, 1965. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

The Commission stated in Decision No. 62915 dated December 5, 1961, (unreported), that "...it is appropriate and proper that general commodities for which rates have not been established should bear their fair share of the increased cost of performing the transportation services..."

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed increases in hourly rates are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. We conclude that the application should be granted. Applicant will be authorized to establish the proposed rates on five days' notice to the Commission and the public.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A. R. Pearson Truck Co., Inc., is hereby authorized to publish and file the increased rates as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to Application No. 47838.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date hereof and on not less than five 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1965.

Fredrick B. Hallock  
President  
Paul E. Bostick  
George H. Crover  
Algeria

Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.