

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 70259

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)
of all common carriers, highway)
carriers and city carriers relating)
to the transportation of any and)
all commodities 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. 398)
(Filed December 8, 1965)

OPINION AND ORDER

Yreka Western Railroad Company, a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier of general commodities between Montague, Yreka and Etna and intermediate points, and between Yreka and Orleans and intermediate points.¹ By Decision No. 68522, dated January 22, 1965, in Case No. 5432 (Petition for Modification No. 364), it was authorized to publish minimum per-shipment charges lower than those otherwise applicable. The authorized charges are published to expire with February 5, 1966. By this petition, it seeks authority to continue the current authority for a further one-year period.

Petitioner has heretofore shown that the conditions surrounding the transportation involved are not generally applicable to other regions of the State; that petitioner has always been subject

¹ It also operates as a common carrier by railroad between Yreka and Montague.

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.

Petitioner now states that the circumstances 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. Petitioner further states that the sought charges are reasonable charges as applied to its traffic.

Revenue and expense data submitted by petitioner indicate that the transportation involved has been profitable and reasonably may be expected to be profitable in the future.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the petition was mailed to California Trucking Association on December 7, 1965. The petition was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 9, 1965. 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 Commission concludes that the petition should be granted. In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective January 31, 1966.

IT IS ORDERED that Yreka Western Railroad Company is hereby authorized to establish, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to expire with February 5, 1967, 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 January 31, 1966.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of
January, 1966.

Frederick B. Hallock
President

George E. Hoover

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William La Bessie
Commissioners