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Decision No. 70729

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of National Bus Traffic Association, Inc., Agent, under the Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket to make increases and other changes in certain provisions of its National Baggage Tariff No. A-500-D, Cal. P.U.C. No. 13, as shown on the attached Exhibit A, for and on behalf of the Carriers shown below.))	
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)	Shortened Procedure
)	Tariff Docket
)	Application No. 48289
)	(Filed March 7, 1966)
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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, National Bus Traffic Association, Inc., Agent, seeks authority to amend certain tariff provisions governing the transportation of baggage.¹

Applicant proposes to clarify (1) the definition of baggage; (2) the conditions under which property, other than baggage, may be transported; and (3) the excess value provisions under certain conditions.

Applicant also proposes to (1) raise the minimum declared value on baggage from \$225.00 to \$250.00; (2) raise the free baggage allowance from 100 pounds to 150 pounds for each adult and from 50 pounds to 75 pounds for each half-fare ticket, respectively; (3) raise carrier's liability for loss or damage from \$225.00 to \$250.00 for any single piece of baggage or for each full fare ticket and

¹ This authority is sought for and on behalf of eleven California intrastate passenger stage corporations participating in National Bus Traffic Association, Inc., Agent, National Baggage Tariff No. A-500-D, Cal. P.U.C. No. 13.

from \$112.50 to \$125.00 for each half-fare ticket; and (4) increase the charge for excess value from 10 cents for each additional \$100.00 valuation or fraction thereof to 25 cents for each \$50.00 valuation or fraction thereof.

Applicant states that proposed amendments are of benefit to the traveling public since they clarify current provisions of the tariff and allow for a greater weight allowance in connection with the free transportation of baggage. Applicant avers that the increases in the excess value charges are necessary in order to obtain more compensatory revenue to offset payments of claims for loss of, or damage to, baggage.

Applicant asserts the increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate revenue of any of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 9, 1966. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that publication of the tariff provisions as proposed in this application is justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. National Bus Traffic Association, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized to publish, on behalf of carriers participating in its National Baggage Tariff No. A-500-D, Cal.P.U.C. No. 13, the amendments as proposed in this application.

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 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 17th day of May, 1966.

Fredrick B. Holhoff
President
John E. ...
George T. ...
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William C. ...
Commissioners