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Decision No. 71084

## ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of PONY EXPRESS, a California corporation, to charge less than the minimum rates established by the California Public Utilities Commission as authorized in Section 3666 of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California.

Application No. 48569 (Filed June 17, 1966)

## OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier and city carrier permits. By Decision No. 69478 dated July 27, 1965, in Application No. 47645, applicant was authorized to observe a second-class rating for the transportation of certain automobile parts and accessories in lieu of the actual classification rating on each article for General Motors Corporation, General Motors Parts Division, from that company's warehouses in Van Nuys and Los Angeles to points in southern California. The rates applicant was authorized to assess are the second-class rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. The current authority is scheduled to expire with August 26, 1966.

By this application, authority is sought to continue the present deviation from the minimum rates for an additional one-year period. According to the application, important economies in time and effort in rating and billing have been effected by applicant and the shipper which warrant the continuance of the current less-than-minimum rate authority. Applicant avers that a study it made

of shipments transported for a two-day period during May, 1966, shows that the overall revenue it received under the authorized second-class rating was .60 percent more than the revenue which would have been collected under the actual classification ratings. 1

The application shows that a copy thereof was mailed to California Trucking Association on or about June 10, 1966. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 21, 1966. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed basis of rating and the resultant charges are reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

## IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pony Express, a corporation, is hereby authorized to apply a second-class rating in lieu of the classification ratings otherwise applicable, and to assess rates different from those otherwise applicable but not less than the second-class rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, for the transportation of automobile parts and accessories (except fenders and auto engine hoods) from the General Motors Corporation, General Motors Parts Division, warehouses in Van Nuys and Los Angeles to points in southern California located outside the Los Angeles Drayage Area as defined in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 5.

This study of shipments made on May 25, and 26, 1966, shows revenue received of \$3,923.20 for 376 shipments in lieu of \$3,899.67 that would have accrued under the applicable minimum rates.

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2. The authority herein granted shall, on and after August 26, 1966, supersede the authority granted by Decision No. 69478 and shall expire with August 26, 1967.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this August, 1966.

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