

Decision No. 71434

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of)
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 WINGS AND WHEELS EXPRESS, INC.)
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 for increases and decreases in)
 air freight rates between San)
 Francisco and Los Angeles)

Application No. 48649
(Filed July 20, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

Wings and Wheels Express, Inc., a corporation, holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a freight forwarder by air between Los Angeles and San Francisco Territories.¹

By this application, it seeks authority to increase its rates on shipments weighing from 1 through 93 pounds, to delete certain pickup and delivery points and to add certain other points. Applicant also proposes to decrease its rates on shipments weighing more than 93 pounds. The proposed rates and pickup and delivery points, respectively, are shown in detail in Exhibits B and C, attached to the application.²

¹ Pursuant to Decision No. 55240 dated July 9, 1957, in Application No. 38862. Applicant also possesses a radial highway common carrier permit issued by this Commission and is authorized by the Civil Aeronautics Board to engage in interstate transportation as an air freight forwarder.

² The increases range from 32 percent for a 1-pound shipment to less than 1 percent for a 93-pound shipment. The decreases range from less than 1 percent for a 94-pound shipment to 41 percent for a 199-pound shipment and from 2 percent for a 200-pound shipment to 17 percent for a 2,000-pound shipment.

Applicant states that, as an air freight forwarder, it is bound to pay to the direct air carriers rates which they publish for the transportation of property. Applicant avers that it has not requested a change in rates since January 5, 1964, and that since that date, the direct air carriers have adjusted the rates which applicant must pay. Applicant alleges that the cost of providing pickup and delivery service has become higher because of wage increases and increased costs of motor vehicle operations. According to applicant, the proposed tariff changes are the same as those currently in effect in its interstate tariff on file with the Civil Aeronautics Board for interstate shipments of air freight between the same points.

Applicant asserts that less than 500 shipments per year are handled on intrastate traffic within California compared with more than 250,000 shipments per year throughout its entire system.³

Applicant notified approximately 60 interested shippers concerning its proposed adjustment in rates. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 25, 1966. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that applicant's proposal is reasonable and, to the extent that increases are involved, such increases are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

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Data submitted by applicant indicate that the California intrastate revenue would approximate \$11,250.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Wings and Wheels Express, Inc., a corporation, is hereby authorized to publish rates and other tariff changes as specifically proposed in Application No. 48649.
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 18th day of October, 1966.

John E. Smith
President
George T. Brewer
Fredrick B. Hallock
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William M. Bernard
Commissioners