

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 72218

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| Application of THOBURN S. HAWORTH, |) | |
| BRYAN W. HAWORTH, RUTH H. HAWORTH, |) | |
| and MARGARET HAWORTH, partners, |) | |
| doing business as ORANGE BELT STAGES, |) | Shortened Procedure |
| under the Shortened Procedure Tariff |) | Tariff Docket |
| Docket to make increases in local |) | Application No. 49097 |
| express rates, to revise the rules |) | (Filed January 20, 1967) |
| applicable to local express ship- |) | |
| ments, and to make such increases |) | |
| and revisions effective upon five |) | |
| days' notice. |) | |

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Thoburn S. Haworth, Bryan W. Haworth, Ruth H. Haworth and Margaret Haworth, partners, doing business as, Orange Belt Stages (Haworth), seek authority to increase, on five days' notice, their rates for the transportation of local express shipments by assessing charges for such transportation based on the rates and rules, which apply to interline express shipments that they handle jointly with other carriers.¹

Applicants allege that their present local express rates were established over fifteen years ago and that such rates are no longer compensatory because of significant increases in labor and other operating costs and in capital costs.²

¹ The proposed rates and rules correspond with the rates and rules in Sections A (Rules Nos. 1 thru 17), B, C, D, E, F and G of Local, Interdivision and Joint Express Tariff No. Z-14-B, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2 of Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Western Greyhound Lines Division), and are set forth in Exhibit A attached to the application.

² See Decision No. 46573 dated December 18, 1951, in Application No. 32677.

Applicants state that they currently have three separate tariffs on file with this Commission naming rates for the transportation of express shipments on different divisions of their line.³ Applicants aver that it would simplify the handling of their local express shipments if all such shipments were subject to uniform rates and rules contained in a single tariff. Applicants point out that a troublesome source of confusion would be eliminated if such a single tariff were made subject to the same rates and rules as apply to interline express shipments handled by them and to local shipments handled by Greyhound Lines, Inc., their principal connecting carrier, since they share agents with Greyhound at many points.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of Haworth by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 23, 1967. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from publication of the rates and rules as proposed in the application are justified to the extent hereinafter indicated. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted as hereinafter indicated.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Thoburn S. Haworth, Bryan W. Haworth, Ruth H. Haworth and Margaret Haworth are authorized to publish rates and rules for the transportation of express shipments, as proposed in the application.

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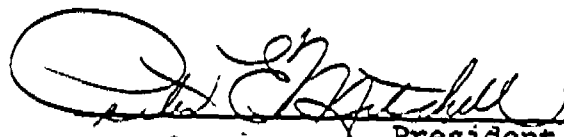
Applicants' tariffs are Local Express Tariffs Nos. 1-B, 2 and 3-A, Cal.P.U.C. Nos. 9, 4 and 7, respectively.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

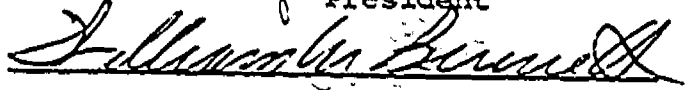
3. The authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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

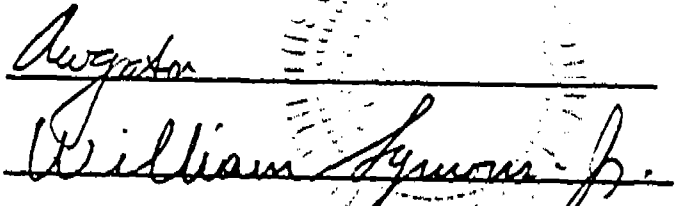
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of March, 1967.



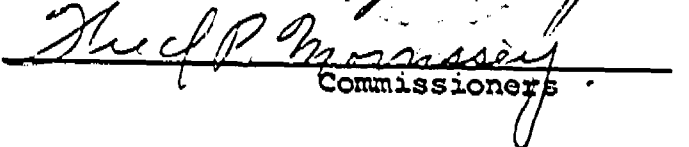
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Commissioners