

Decision No. 72918

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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 relat-)
ing 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

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

By Decision No. 72241 dated April 4, 1967, in Application No. 49009, United Parcel was authorized to revise the package factor of its parcel delivery rates by establishing a single charge of 24 cents per package in lieu of charges ranging from 18 to 37 cents. United Parcel was also authorized to increase its charge of 30 cents for each C.O.D. bill collected to 50 cents.

In some instances the rates of United Parcel are lower than the minimum rates for parcel delivery service established by the Commission. Under the so-called "alternative" rate provisions, other parcel delivery carriers published rates on the level of the United Parcel rates.

It has come to the Commission's attention that common carriers, subject to the minimum rate provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, were not required to make corresponding adjustments in their tariffs for the transportation of parcel delivery shipments and that the long-standing rate relationship between United Parcel's parcel delivery rates and those of the aforementioned common carriers no longer exists.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the rate relationship in question should be reestablished and that increases resulting from the tariff revisions concerned are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the common carriers herein involved should be required to publish and file rates for the transportation of parcel delivery shipments no lower than those authorized by Decision No. 72241, supra.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Common carriers maintaining, under outstanding authorizations permitting the alternative use of common carrier parcel delivery rates, rates below the specific minimum rate levels otherwise applicable on the commodities and between the points for which increases were authorized by Decision No. 72241, dated April 4, 1967, in Application No. 49009, are authorized and directed to increase such rates, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public to the level of the rates established by said decision or to the level of specific minimum rates, whichever is lower; such increases shall be made effective not earlier than the tenth day and not later than the thirtieth day after the effective date of this order.

2. Common carriers, in establishing and maintaining the rates authorized hereinabove, are hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations; such outstanding authorizations are hereby modified only to the extent necessary

to comply with this order; and schedules containing the rates published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

3. In all other respects Decision No. 31606, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th-day of August, 1967.

William W. Bennett President
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William J. Sproule Jr.
Fred P. Mansley Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.