

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 73135

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of:)
FILM TRANSPORT CO. OF CAL., INC., a)
California corporation, for authority) Application No. 49528
to increase rates, pursuant to) (Filed July 6, 1967)
Sections 454 and 491 of the California)
Public Utilities Code.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Film Transport Co. of Cal., Inc., a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier of motion picture film, film accessories and theater supplies between points in Southern California. By this application, it seeks authority to increase its rates for this transportation by ten percent. Authority to publish such increased rates on five days' notice to the Commission and the public is also sought.

Applicant states that its rates have not been increased since June 21, 1965, and that such rate increase was predicated upon a record of operating experience prior to December 30, 1964. Applicant alleges that its labor costs for drivers have increased by 15, 10 and 25 cents per hour during the years of 1965, 1966 and 1967, respectively, plus five cents per hour for health and welfare benefits for each of the aforementioned years and that its labor costs for mechanics and terminal, supervisory and clerical employees have increased on a comparable scale.

Revenue and expense data set forth in Schedules B and C of Exhibit 4 attached to the application indicate that a net profit of \$7,500 and an operating ratio of 95 percent were realized by

applicant on its film operations in 1966 and an estimated net profit of \$15,943 and an operating ratio of 90.2 would result in 1967 based on increased costs and revenues. Applicant avers that the latter operating ratio cannot be achieved in 1967 and 1968 for the reason that the estimated revenue assumed the sought increased rates to be effective for the entire year and more than 6 months of the year have passed and an automatic increase in labor costs of 15 cents per hour plus 5 cents per hour for health and welfare will become effective April 1, 1968. Applicant anticipates that an actual operating ratio of approximately 95-96 percent will accrue in these years for the transportation involved.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 10, 1967. Applicant notified interested shippers by letter dated July 20, 1967, of its proposal to increase the rates in question. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the increases as proposed in the application are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

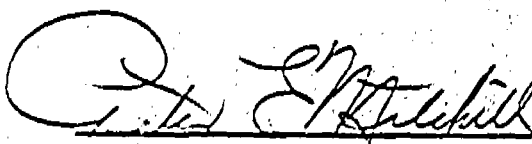
1. Film Transport Co. of Cal., Inc., is hereby authorized to publish rates as specifically proposed in Application No. 49528.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five 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.

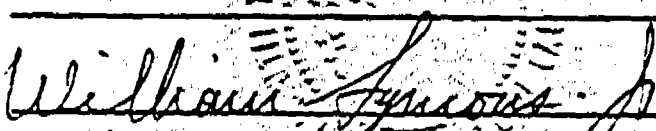
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of September, 1967.



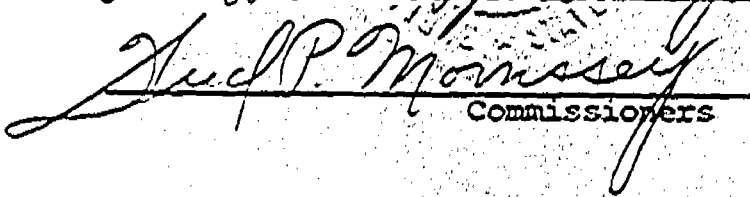
President



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Commissioner



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Commissioner A. W. Gatev, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.