

ORIGINALDecision No. 73450

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application)
of THEATRE TRANSIT COMPANY, a)
corporation, to increase certain)
of its highway common carrier)
rates for the transportation of)
motion picture film and theater)
advertising accessories.)

Application No. 49647
(Filed August 31, 1967)

OPINION AND ORDER

Theatre Transit Company operates as a highway common carrier for the transportation of motion picture film, theater advertising accessories, fixtures, supplies and snack shop items, from, to and between points included in specified routes between Willits on the north and Los Angeles County on the south. By this application it seeks authority to increase its rates on motion picture film and accessories by approximately 15 percent.^{1/}

The application states that approximately half of its revenue is derived from transportation under the rates here involved, and that these rates have not been increased since the tariff was first issued in 1964. Applicant's other rates have been increased 17.3 percent since then in accordance with increases in the rates named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. The transportation of motion picture film and accessories is exempt from the minimum rates.

Attached to the application is a profit and loss statement for the year 1966, and a statement adjusting these figures for labor increases incurred since then and adjusting the revenues to reflect

^{1/} The rates involved are contained in Items 315 and 320 of applicant's Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1.

recent increases in the minimum rates and the revenue increase that would result from the increases proposed herein. These statements follow:

	<u>1966 Actual</u>	<u>1966 Adjusted</u>
Revenues	\$313,979	\$347,432
Expenses	<u>316,906</u>	<u>328,336</u>
Net Income*	\$ (2,927)	\$ 19,096
Operating Ratio	100.9%	94.5%

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* Before income taxes.

Copies of the application were served in accordance with the Commission's procedural rules. The application states that shippers have been notified of the proposed increases and that they have informed applicant that they have no objection to the proposals. No protests have been received.

It is clear, and we find, that applicant is now operating at a loss, that the sought increase in rates is justified, and that a public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted. In view of applicant's present operating loss, the order which follows will be made effective in ten days.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Theatre Transit Company is authorized to establish the increased rates and charges as proposed in Application No. 49647. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date hereof on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of DECEMBER, 1967.

Robert L. Hatchell President
J. William W. Bennett
Margaret
William Symons
And P. Moussey Commissioners