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Decision No. 73670

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 relating to) the transportation of sand, rock,) gravel and related items (commodi-) ties for which rates are provided) in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 17).)	Case No. 5437 Petition for Modification No. 156 (Filed January 2, 1968, Amended January 15, 1968)
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ORDER DENYING REQUEST
TO CONSOLIDATE PROCEEDINGS

Southern California Rock Products Association requests that its Petition No. 156 be consolidated with Petitions for Modification Nos. 151 (California Dump Truck Owners Association and Associated Independent Owner Operators) and 153 (California Trucking Association) for the receipt of evidence on a common record. The petitioners in Petitions Nos. 151 and 153 object to the requested consolidation.

Public hearings have been scheduled relative to Petitions Nos. 151 and 153 on January 30, 31 and February 1, 1968. Southern California Rock Products Association advises that it will not be prepared to present evidence in support of Petition No. 156 until February 28, 1968.

The issues involved in Petitions Nos. 151 and 153 are directly related, limited in scope, and susceptible to prompt determination upon submission. The issues set forth in Petition No. 156 are highly subjective, controversial and involve numerous complex incremental cost and rate computations which, if adopted, will require a substantial amount of time to publish in final tariff form.

Petitioners in Petitions Nos. 151 and 153 are prepared to introduce evidence in support of their rate proposals. To defer such presentation, as requested in Petition No. 156, would constitute unreasonable delay; therefore, we conclude that the request should be denied.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The request of the Southern California Rock Products Association to consolidate Petitions for Modification Nos. 151, 153 and 156 is hereby denied.

2. Public hearing will be scheduled for the receipt of evidence relative to those matters contained in Petition for Modification No. 156 not otherwise denied by ordering paragraph 1 hereof.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at ~~San Francisco~~, California, this 30th day of January, 1968.

Robert E. Mitchell
President

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Commissioners

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