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Decision No. 73777

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 relating 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

And related matters.

)Cases Nos. 5433, 5435, 5436, )5438, 5439, 5440, 5441, 5603, )5604 and 7857

## ORDER SETTING HEARING

By Application No. 49758, filed October 27, 1967, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau, on behalf of carriers participating in its tariffs, seeks authority to increase the switching rates and charges of such carriers applicable to California intrastate transportation subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

Various minimum rate tariffs published by the Commission contain provisions for the alternative application of common carrier rates which may be applied in lieu of the minimum rates when such common carrier rates produce a lower aggregate charge for the same transportation than results from the application of the minimum rates. Accordingly, hearings in the several minimum rate investigation cases should be held with the hearings in Application No. 49758 for the purpose of determining whether common carriers

maintaining, under outstanding authorizations permitting the alternative use of rail rates, rates below the specific minimum rate lovels otherwise applicable, should be authorized and directed to increase such rates to the level of the rail rates established pursuant to decision in said Application No. 49758, or to the level of the specific minimum rates, whichever is lower, and to cancel such rates in the event competitive rail rates are no longer published in rail tariffs.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that hearings in these proceedings be held concurrently with hearings in Application No. 49758 before Examiner Bishop on March 28, 1968, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's Courtroom, San Francisco.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27 day of February, 1968.

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