

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 73846

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Leland C. Smith,)
Agent, Pacific Motor Tariff)
Bureau, Inc., under the Shortened)
Procedure Tariff Docket to pub-)
lish provisions resulting in)
increases due to proposed in-)
creases in hourly rates and to)
depart from the provisions of)
Section 460 of the Public Utili-)
ties Code.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 49929
(Filed January 9, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Leland C. Smith, Agent, Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority on behalf of four highway common carriers,¹ to publish increased hourly rates as specifically set forth in Exhibit A attached to the application, (1) for the transportation of construction equipment, machinery, material and supplies on low-bed or other equipment; (2) for furnishing a helper truck or booster truck in transporting such shipments; and (3) for furnishing an A-frame, derrick or winch equipped truck when required.² Applicant also requests authority to depart from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code in publishing such rates.

¹The carriers are Bassco Drayage, Inc., Dalzell Corporation, C. H. Miller, dba C. H. Miller Transportation, and Western Freight Handlers, Inc.

²The rates involved are published in Items 2020, 2060, 2070 and 2080 of Leland C. Smith, Agent, Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local Freight Tariff No. 10, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1, hereinafter referred to as Tariff No. 10. The increases range from 60 cents to \$2.70 per hour depending upon the weight of the shipment or type of carrier's equipment furnished.

Applicant states that these hourly rates have not been increased since October 23, 1961, and that four increases, averaging 18 percent overall, have been applied to the truckload class rates named in Tariff No. 10 since that date. Applicant declares that the increases in the hourly rates proposed herein are in line with the aforementioned class rate increases and are required to offset increased costs of operations, principally higher labor costs, which the carriers have experienced.

According to the application, shipments of the commodities in question usually require the exclusive use of the carrier's equipment and generally move to job sites where the road conditions are poor and many hours in travel time are involved. Applicant avers that the carriers' revenue should be protected to compensate them when their equipment is engaged in such operations.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of any of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

The application shows that a copy thereof was furnished to California Trucking Association. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 10, 1968. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from publication of hourly rates as specifically 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. Leland C. Smith, Agent, is hereby authorized to publish, on behalf of Bassco Drayage, Inc., Dalzell Corporation,

C. H. Miller, doing business as C. H. Miller Transportation, and Western Freight Handlers, Inc., increased hourly rates in Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local Freight Tariff No. 10, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1, for the transportation of property on low-bed and other equipment as specifically proposed in the application.

2. 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 thirty days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. The common carriers named in Ordering Paragraph 1 above, 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.

4. 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 12th day of March, 1968.

John E. Hall
President

William G. Russell

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William Lyman J.

Fred P. Monsey
Commissioners