

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 74106

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Fairbanks Trucking,)
Inc. under the Shortened Procedure)
Tariff Docket to make INCREASES in)
rates by cancelling certain com-)
modity rate items by increasing)
rates in others and for authority)
to depart from the long and short)
hauls provisions of Section 460)
of the Public Utilities Code.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 50073
(Filed March 5, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Fairbanks Trucking, Inc., (Fairbanks) seeks authority (1) to cancel rates on certain so-called "exempt commodities"; (2) to cancel rail competitive rates on certain other commodities; (3) to increase by 1 and 3 cents per 100 pounds the rates for the transportation of aluminum caps between specific points in the metropolitan Modesto area; (4) to increase from \$3.50 to \$5.00 the minimum per-shipment charge within the aforementioned area; and (5) to increase from 30,000 to 50,000 pounds the minimum weight governing certain rail competitive rates on alcoholic liquors.¹

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The involved rates are set forth in detail in Exhibit "A" attached to the application and generally apply to transportation between points in the San Joaquin Valley or from or to points in said valley to or from points in the San Francisco Bay, Sacramento and Los Angeles areas. Dried beans, milk and related products, and eggs are the "exempt commodities" (commodities for which minimum transportation rates have not been established by the Commission). Commodities for which rail competitive rates are provided include soap and related articles, foodstuffs, fresh fruits and vegetables, candy, confectionery, canned goods, feldspar, alcoholic liquors, edible nuts, paper, paper articles, roofing, building or paving materials and sugar.

It also requests relief from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code.

Applicant states that it purchased the operative right of Jake Stokes and Johnson McMurphy, doing business as Swanson's Trucking Service, and adopted that carrier's tariff on June 1, 1965. Applicant alleges that it is in the process of issuing a new tariff, that no transportation has been performed for more than a year under the rates it proposes to cancel and that it does not desire to transfer such "paper rates" to its new tariff.

Applicant declares that the rates on the so-called "exempt commodities" and the rates and minimum charges for the aforementioned transportation in the metropolitan Modesto area have not been increased since September of 1965 and that it has experienced increases in operating expenses since that date. Applicant contends that it is currently transporting 50,000-pound shipments of alcoholic liquors in its equipment and would be operating at a loss on this traffic if it were required to handle 30,000-pound shipments.

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

Applicant states that it has discussed all of the sought increases with shipper accounts. A copy of the application was mailed to California Trucking Association, Inc. on or about March 4, 1968. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 7, 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 cancellation and publication of the rates and charges 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. Fairbanks Trucking, Inc., is hereby authorized to cancel rates from its Local Freight Tariff No. 2, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1 (Series of Jake Stokes and Johnson McMurphy, dba Swanson's Trucking Service), and to publish increased rates and charges as specifically proposed in the application.

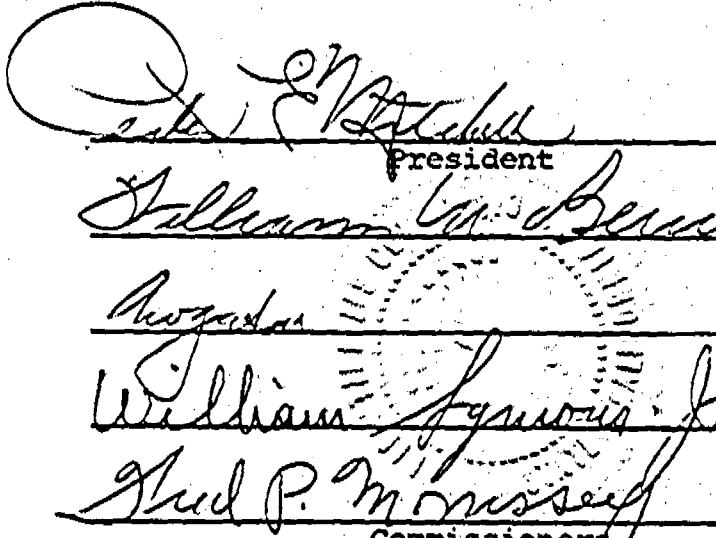
2. Fairbanks Trucking, Inc. is hereby authorized to depart from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to exercise the authority granted herein.

3. 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.

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 14th day of May, 1968.


John E. Mitchell
President
William W. Bernard
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William L. Givens, Jr.
Paul P. Monsey
Commissioners