

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 74260

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)	Shortened Procedure
Docket to publish provisions result-)	Tariff Docket
ing in increases in rates for trans-)	Application No. 50123
portation and to depart from the)	(Filed March 29, 1968)
provisions of Section 460 of the)	
Public Utilities Code.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Leland C. Smith, Agent, Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority on behalf of Thompson Bros., Inc., (Thompson) to increase rates on lead and lead base commodities from Selby to Oakland and San Francisco from 10½ cents per 100 pounds to each destination to 16½ and 18½ cents per 100 pounds, respectively, and to increase the minimum weight from 80,000 pounds to 100,000 pounds.¹ It also requests relief from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code.

Applicant states that the subject rates apply from and to points located at railhead, are non-intermediate in appli-²cation and are based on rail rates. Applicant declares that these rates have been in effect since 1962 with but one in-³crease and that wages of drivers, including fringe benefits

¹ The tariff provisions are set forth in Item 1679 of Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 8-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1-Freight (Series of D.W. Baker, Agent) issued by Leland C. Smith, Agent.

² The rail rates in question are set forth in Item 15250 of Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau Tariff No. 300-A.

³ The rates were increased by one half cent per 100 pounds effective January 25, 1968, pursuant to Decision No. 73520.

and payroll taxes, have increased from \$3.9723 to \$5.6460 per hour or 42% since that date. Applicant avers that the rate and revenue requirements sought herein are essential in order that it may keep pace with its increased cost of operation.

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

Copy of the application was served upon California Trucking Association on or about March 29, 1968. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 1, 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 the rates 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. Leland C. Smith, Agent, is authorized to publish, on behalf of Thompson Bros., Inc., increased rates and minimum weights on lead and lead base commodities in his Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 8-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1-Freight (Series of D. W. Baker, Agent) as specifically proposed in the application.

2. Thompson Bros., 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 18th day of June, 1968.


President




Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.