

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 74503

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of A. R. Pearson Truck Co.,)	
Inc., seeking authority under Section)	Application No. 50319
454 of the Public Utilities Code to)	(Filed June 14, 1968)
increase certain tariff rates and)	
provisions.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

A. R. Pearson Truck Co., Inc., operates as a highway common carrier for the transportation of general commodities within a prescribed area in southern California. By this application it seeks authority to increase rates.¹

The application shows that applicant specializes in transporting industrial and heavy machinery and other commodities of abnormal size and weight which, because of such size and weight, require the use of and are transported on low-bed trailers and other specialized equipment. In addition to the transportation, applicant performs specialized and diversified accessorial services in the installation and removal of machinery.

Minimum rates have not been established in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 to govern the transportation of commodities of abnormal size or weight which because of such size or weight require the use of and are transported on low-bed trailers. The transportation rates as set forth in applicant's tariff are stated in cents per hour for the transportation of freight, regardless of classification, and vary with the weight of the shipment transported by the unit of carrier's equipment at one time during a single transaction.

¹The rates are set forth in Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1, of A. R. Pearson Truck Co., Inc.

The present and proposed transportation rates are set forth fully in the tariff and application, and are shown in the following table:

<u>Weight of Shipment in Pounds</u>	<u>Rate per hour</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Over 0 but not over 12,000	\$14.50	\$16.00
Over 12,000 but not over 20,000	15.75	17.30
Over 20,000 but not over 30,000	17.25	18.30
Over 30,000 but not over 44,000 (Without Permit)	17.90	19.50
Over 30,000 but not over 44,000 (With Permit)	20.00	21.60
Over 44,000 but not over 60,000	24.90	26.50
Over 60,000 but not over 80,000	29.75	31.65
1 Man Hydraulic Monorail Truck	13.50	14.30
Fork Lift (Capacity under 10,000 pounds)	12.55	14.40
Fork Lift (Capacity over 10,000 pounds but not over 20,000 pounds)	13.35	15.25
Fork Lift (Capacity over 20,000 pounds)	15.00	16.25

Applicant also proposes to increase its present charge of \$7.25 per man per hour or fraction thereof to \$8.50 per man per hour or fraction thereof for the service of providing help, in addition to the driver, for loading and unloading. In addition, applicant seeks authority to increase its hourly charges for specialized non-transportation services, which are required in the installation or removal of machinery. Applicant's proposed increases in straight-time hourly charges for such services range from \$1.25 per hour to \$2.00 per hour and premium charges (in addition to straight-time charges) for overtime from 50 cents per hour to \$1.50 per hour, depending on the type of service performed.

The rates and charges contained in applicant's tariff were last adjusted in December of 1965 pursuant to Decision No. 69862 dated October 26, 1965, in Application No. 47838 and Special Tariff Docket Order No. STD 4175 issued November 30, 1965. Increases sought herein were not specifically covered in the latest general increases

in the Commission's minimum rate tariffs. Applicant states that it is informed and believes that no carrier or shipper will be adversely affected by the increases in rates herein proposed.

Applicant alleges that the costs of transporting property by motor vehicle have increased principally from increases in direct wages incurred under labor contracts. Applicant further states that increased operating costs have also been experienced in taxes, health and welfare provisions and employee pension funds.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 17, 1968. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed increases in hourly rates are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted. Applicant will be authorized to establish the proposed rates on ten days' notice to the Commission and the public.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A. R. Pearson Truck Co., Inc., is hereby authorized to publish and file the increased rates as set forth in Exhibit "A", "A-1" and "A-2" attached to Application No. 50319.

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 ten days after the effective date hereof and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. 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 6th day of August, 1968.

William Symons, Jr.
President
John E. Baker
William L. Burns
George
John P. Monahan
Commissioners