

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 74537

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
C. R. Nickerson, Agent, and Attorney,)
for carriers parties to Pacific Coast)
Tariff Bureau, Local Freight Tariff)
No. 13, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24.)

For an order to increase rates for)
Travel Time as described in Item)
115 of Agent C. R. Nickerson's)
Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, to the extent)
outlined in Exhibit "A" attached)
to and by reference thereto made)
a part of this application. And)
to depart from the provisions of)
Article XII, Section 21, of the)
Constitution of the State of)
California and Section 454 of)
the Public Utilities Code.)

Application No. 50271
(Filed May 27, 1968)
(Amended July 12, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, as amended, C. R. Nickerson, Agent,
seeks authority, on behalf of seven common carriers,¹ to increase
the hourly rates² for travel time involved in transporting vacuum-
type and pump-type tank vehicles from the carrier's established
terminal to the job site and from the job site to carrier's terminal.
The proposed increases range from \$1.25 per hour to \$1.90 per hour
depending upon the barrel capacity of equipment used.

¹ The carriers are Hollow Rod of California, Jack T. Jamar, doing business as J & G Oilwell Service, Roy L. Johnston, doing business as Johnston Vacuum Tank Service, B. L. Lunsford, doing business as Lunsford Tank Lines, Ernest Ellington and Vincent Belloumini, doing business as Marvin Barnett Vacuum Truck Service, Neely's Vacuum Truck Service and L. L. Kirchhof, doing business as Speed's Oil Tool Service.

² The rates are set forth in Item 115 of C. R. Nickerson, Agent, Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau, Local Freight Tariff No. 13, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24.

Applicant proposes to increase the current hourly rates for travel time to the level of the minimum rates which the Commission has established for services performed by the carriers after they have arrived at the job site. Applicant states that the rates for travel time were originally established on the level of the minimum rates for transportation performed at the job site but that the minimum rates were increased effective March 9, 1968, pursuant to Decision No. 73679 dated January 30, 1968, in Case No. 6008.

Applicant declares that the purpose for travel time rates is to reimburse the carrier for travel expense, which averages between one hour and two hours per day for every day the vehicle moves from or to a job site. According to applicant, many times the vehicle must travel 30 or 40 miles each day to and from a job site and, in other instances, vehicles must be moved from one job site to another. Applicant avers that the hourly cost to the carrier for travel time is exactly the same as that for work on the job site.

Applicant states that shippers have been apprised of carriers' intention to increase travel time rates. The application and amendment were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 28, 1968, and July 15, 1968, respectively. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed increases in rates and charges are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application, as amended, should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. C. R. Nickerson, Agent, is hereby authorized to publish in his Local Freight Tariff No. 13, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, on behalf of Hollow Rod of California, Neely's Vacuum Truck Service,

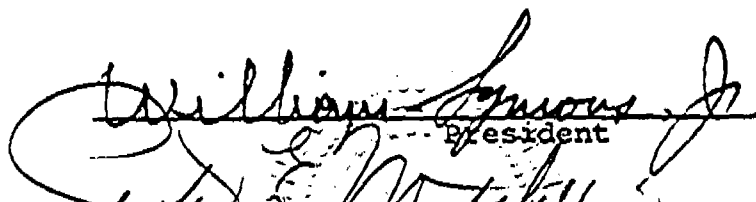
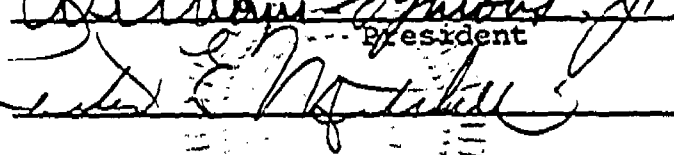
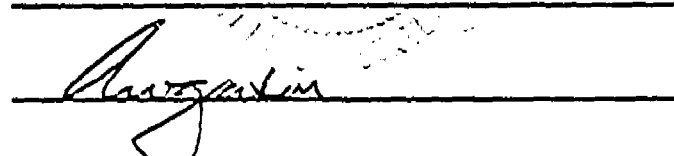
Jack T. Jamar, Roy L. Johnston, B. L. Lunsford, Ernest Ellington, Vincent Belloumini and L. L. Kirchhof the increased rates and charges for travel time as proposed in Application No. 50271, as amended.

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 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 13th day of August, 1968.


President


Commissioners

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

Commissioner Fred P. Morrissey, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.