

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 74619

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation into)
the rates, rules, regulations, charges)
allowances and practices of all common)
carriers, highway carriers and city)
carriers relating to the transportation)
of any and all commodities between and)
within all points and places in the)
State of California (including, but not)
limited to, transportation for which)
rates are provided in Minimum Rate)
Tariff No. 2).

Case No. 5432

And related matters.

) Cases Nos. 5330, 5433, 5435,
) 5436, 5437, 5438, 5439,
) 5440, 5441, 5603, 5604,
) 7857, 7858

ORDER SETTING HEARING

Application No. 50445 was filed July 30, 1968, by the Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau on behalf of carriers participating in its tariffs. Authority is sought to increase local and joint all-rail and joint rail-highway freight rates and charges applicable to California intrastate transportation subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

Various minimum rate tariffs published by the Commission contain provisions for the alternative application of common carrier rates which may be applied in lieu of the minimum rates when such common carrier rates produce a lower aggregate charge for the same transportation than results from the application of the minimum rates. Accordingly, hearings in the several minimum rate investigation cases should be held with the hearings in Application No. 50445 for the purpose of determining whether common carriers maintaining, under outstanding authorizations permitting the alternative use of rail rates, rates below the specific minimum

rate levels otherwise applicable should be authorized and directed to increase such rates to the level of the rail rates established pursuant to decision in said Application No. 50445, or to the level of the specific minimum rates, whichever is lower, and to cancel such rates in the event competitive rail rates are no longer published in rail tariffs.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that hearings in these proceedings be held concurrently with hearings in Application No. 50445 before Examiner Mallory on September 16, 1968, October 7 and 8, 1968 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's Courtroom, San Francisco.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of August, 1968.

President

 Commissioners

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

Commissioner A. W. Gatev, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.