

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 74849

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of J. D. SHERSON, Tariff Publish-
ing Officer, for approval of
change in classification provision. }

} Application No. 50431
} Filed July 25, 1968

O P I N I O N

J. D. Sherson is the tariff publishing officer for the Uniform Classification Committee. By this application he seeks authority to increase the minimum charge for less-carload shipments provided in Rule 13(d) of Uniform Freight Classification 9 from \$4.12 to \$5. The application asserts that the proposal was placed on the Uniform Classification Committee docket for public hearing and was afforded wide public notification in transportation publications. Public hearing was held by the Committee at Chicago on September 13, 1967, at which time little interest was shown by shippers. The proposal was adopted by the Committee and the increased charge was made effective on interstate traffic and on intrastate commerce in most of the states.

A copy of this application was served in accordance with the Commission's procedural rules. Notice of the filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar dated July 26, 1968. No protests have been received.

The Uniform Freight Classification is the governing classification for the rates published and maintained by the railroads. The effect of the proposed increase upon California intrastate commerce and upon the California intrastate revenues of the rail lines is not significant.

The proposed increase is justified. We conclude that the application should be granted and that a public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. J. D. Sherson is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application No. 50431. 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 hereof on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of OCTOBER, 1968.

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President
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Commissioners