

Decision No. 74935

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of National Motor Freight Traffic )  
Association, Inc., Agent, for and )  
on behalf of certain highway com- )  
mon carriers and express corpora- )  
tions, for authority to make vari- )  
ous revisions in National Motor )  
Freight Classification A-10. )

Application No. 50643  
(Filed October 24, 1968)

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  
(Petition for Modification  
No. 517)  
(Filed October 24, 1968)

And Related Matters )

Cases Nos. 5435, 5439,  
5441, 5603 and 7858  
(Petitions for Modification  
Nos. 111, 80, 151, 61  
and 45, respectively)  
(Filed October 24, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

Various common carriers engaged in intrastate transportation within California participate in National Motor Freight Classification A-10, hereinafter referred to as the Governing Classification, for class ratings and other provisions. Also, certain Commission minimum rate tariffs are subject to the class ratings and/or other provisions of such classification.

By Application No. 50643, National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc., Agent, seeks authority, on behalf of such common carriers, to publish specific revisions in the Governing Classification to become effective December 23, 1968, concurrently with the national effective date for such revisions.<sup>1</sup> By the above petitions, California Trucking Association seeks to have the ratings and other provisions in the Governing Classification similarly revised to govern the minimum rates and rules in certain Commission minimum rate tariffs.<sup>2</sup> Petitioner requests that all common carriers be directed to establish in their respective tariffs such modifications as may be prescribed by the Commission's order in these proceedings, including relief from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code.

Applicant and petitioner, hereinafter referred to as applicants, state that the Governing Classification is periodically revised to meet the changing needs of commerce. Applicants aver that the procedures available to shippers and carriers to initiate such revisions, to participate in their disposition and to protect their interests are generally known to the carriers and shippers. Applicants allege that the sought revisions have been authorized by the National Classification Board, after due process, and are generally scheduled to become effective December 23, 1968, for tariffs covering areas other than California and that such revisions, if authorized,

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<sup>1</sup> The changes, which are provided in Supplement 9 to the Governing Classification, are set forth in Exhibit A and the related justifications are set forth in Exhibit B, both of which are attached to the application.

<sup>2</sup> The tariffs are Minimum Rate Tariffs Nos. 1-B (East Bay Drayage), 2 (General Commodities Statewide), 5 (Los Angeles Drayage), 9-B (San Diego Drayage), 11-A (Uncrated New Furniture Statewide) and 19 (San Francisco Drayage) and Exception Ratings Tariff No. 1.

would permit maintenance of uniformity of classification provisions between California and the rest of the nation.

A review of applicants' proposed revisions indicates that they pertain principally to (1) format of classification; (2) correction of publishing errors and omissions; (3) clarification of existing descriptions of articles; (4) cancellation of obsolete provisions; and (5) establishment of specific ratings for newly designed or manufactured articles. Such changes are within the framework of the criteria heretofore announced by this Commission for establishing revisions in the Governing Classification on California intrastate traffic.<sup>3</sup>

Applicants suggest, to protect the interests of all parties, that the effective date of any order issued herein should be thirty days after the date of this decision. This would provide ample opportunity for any interested party to advise applicants and the Commission concerning those items which might require separate and further consideration without unduly delaying the effectiveness of the great body of classification changes which, applicants assert are necessary and desirable, and concerning which there is no question or dispute.

Copies of the application and petitions were mailed to various chambers of commerce, shipper organizations, carrier representatives and other interested parties on or about October 24, 1968. The application and petitions were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 25, 1968. No objection to the granting of the application and petitions has been received.

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<sup>3</sup> See Decision No. 68324 in Case No. 5432, et al., 63 Cal.P.U.C. 728; Decision No. 68711 in Case No. 5432, et al., 64 Cal.P.U.C. 146; also Decisions Nos. 70287, 70335, 70556, 70828, 70960, 71185, 71200, 71405, 71531, 71730, 72027, 72289, 72438, 72589, 72740, 72885, 73099, 73234, 73407, 73604, 73731, 73994, 74150, 74214, 74264, 74476, 74608 and 74748, all issued in Case No. 5432, et al., unreported.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that:

1. The proposed classification revisions set forth in Application No. 50643 are reasonable and, to the extent that said ratings and rules will result in increases, such increases are justified.
2. The proposed ratings and rules which applicant will be authorized to establish, except to the extent that said ratings and rules are different from and are superseded by present exceptions contained in the respective minimum rate tariffs and the governing exception ratings tariff, are suitable to govern the minimum rates established by the Commission.
3. The rates and charges resulting from the application of the aforesaid ratings and rules are, and for the future will be, the just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory minimum rates for the transportation of property by highway carriers subject to the applicable minimum rate tariffs.

Based on the above findings, the Commission concludes that the proposed classification changes set forth in Application No. 50643 should be authorized, and that such ratings and rules should be adopted and approved, to the extent indicated in the ensuing order, to govern the minimum rates established by the Commission. The Commission further concludes that the involved participating common carriers in applicant's National Motor Freight Classification A-10 should be authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code, to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations. The order which follows should be made

effective thirty days after the date hereof and the earliest effective date of the tariff publications involved should be December 23, 1968. Exception Ratings Tariff No. 1 will be amended to reflect a change in the item number reference therein to a commodity description in the Governing Classification.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc., Agent, on behalf of the involved common carriers participating in National Motor Freight Classification A-10, is authorized to establish and publish the classification ratings and rules set forth in Application No. 50643, to become effective not earlier than December 23, 1968, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. Except as otherwise provided in Ordering Paragraph 7 hereof, the classification ratings and rules authorized herein are approved and adopted as the just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory ratings and rules to govern the minimum rates and rules promulgated by the Commission in Minimum Rate Tariffs Nos. 1-B, 2, 5, 9-B, 11-A and 19.

3. Exception Ratings Tariff No. 1 (Appendix A to Decision No. 66195, as amended) is hereby further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective December 23, 1968, Third Revised Page 27-P attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

4. Tariff publications required to be made by common carriers as a result of Ordering Paragraphs 2 and 3 hereof may be made effective not earlier than December 23, 1968, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public and such

tariff publications shall be made effective not later than February 21, 1969; and tariff publications which are authorized but not required to be made by common carriers as a result of Ordering Paragraphs 2 and 3 hereof may be made effective not earlier than December 23, 1968, and may be made effective on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public if filed within sixty days of the effective date of the tariff publications authorized in Ordering Paragraph 1 hereof.

5. The classification ratings and rules authorized to be established by Ordering Paragraph 2 hereof are authorized to be made applicable also for the transportation of:

- (a) Commodities for which minimum rates have not been established, or
- (b) Commodities which are subject to higher rates than, or more restrictive provisions than, the minimum rates or provisions otherwise applicable.

6. Any provisions currently maintained in common carrier tariffs which are more restrictive than, or which produce charges greater than, those contained in Minimum Rate Tariffs Nos. 1-B, 2, 5, 9-B, 11-A and 19 are authorized to be maintained in connection with the ratings and rules authorized and directed to be established herein.

7. Except as provided in Ordering Paragraph 6 hereof, common carriers are not authorized to publish ratings and rules which are different from, and are superseded by, present exceptions contained in Exception Ratings Tariff No. 1 and Minimum Rate Tariffs Nos. 1-B, 2, 5, 9-B, 11-A and 19.

8. Common carriers, in establishing and maintaining the ratings and rules authorized hereinabove, are hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations; such outstanding authorizations are hereby modified only to the extent necessary to comply with this order; and schedules containing the ratings and rules published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

9. In all other respects, Decision No. 66195, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1968.

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President  
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*Neil P. Morrissey*  
Commissioners

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

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Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

SECTION NO. 2-B--TRUCKLOAD CLASSES (RATINGS) AND MINIMUM WEIGHTS WHICH ARE EXCEPTIONS TO THE GC						Item No.
ARTICLES as described in the following item numbers of the Governing Classification, viz.:						
Item Number	TL Rating	TL Minimum Weight	Item Number	TL Rating	TL Minimum Weight	
149920			160480	35.1	36,000	
Sub 1	35.2	36,000	160640	35.1	40,000	
Sub 2	35.2	36,000	161180			
149930	35.2	36,000	Sub 2	35.1	36,000	
149950			161240	35.1	36,000	
Sub 1	35.2	36,000	161360	35.3	30,000	
Sub 2	35.2	36,000	161380			
Sub 3	35.2	36,000	Sub 1	35.4	36,000	
150020	35.2	36,000	Sub 2	35.4	36,000	
150210	35.2	36,000	162920			
150990	35.2	40,000	Sub 1	35.4	60,000	
			164430	35.1	30,000	
			164470	35.1	36,000	
			164960			
151390			Sub 1	35.2	50,000	
Sub 7	35.2	24,000	Sub 2	35.2	50,000	
151620	35.2	24,000	164980	35.3	50,000	
154360	( 35	36,000	165270			
	( 35.1	45,000	Sub 2	35.2	40,000	
154550	35.2	40,000	165340	35.1	36,000	1160
154800	35.1	30,000	166850	35.1	36,000	
154900	35.3	30,000	167370	35.1	36,000	
154920	35.3	40,000	167410	35.1	36,000	
155070	35.2	36,000	168925	35.1	40,000	
155500	35.4	40,000				
155520	35.4	40,000	169690	35.4	60,000	
155670			169710	35.4	60,000	
Sub 1	35.2	24,000	170100	35.2	40,000	
Sub 2	35.2	24,000	170430	35.2	36,000	
155800	35.2	30,000	170590	35.3	40,000	
157235	35.2	30,000	171260			
157480	35.3	40,000	Sub 1	35.2	36,000	
160070	35.2	36,000	Sub 2	35.2	36,000	
160100	35.2	36,000	Sub 3	35.2	36,000	
160110	35.2	36,000	171280			
160200	35.2	36,000	Sub 1	35.2	36,000	
160290	35.2	36,000	Sub 2	35.2	36,000	
160330	35.2	36,000	171330	35.2	36,000	



ø Change, Decision No. 74935

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