

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 75257

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
Petition for Modification
No. 521
(Filed December 2, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

Yreka Western Railroad Company, a corporation, operates as a highway common carrier of general commodities between Montague, Yreka, Etna and Orleans and intermediate points.¹ By Decision No. 73564 dated January 3, 1968, in Case No. 5432 (Petition for Modification No. 484), it was authorized to publish minimum per-shipment charges lower than those otherwise applicable. The authorized charges are published to expire with February 5, 1969. By this petition, it seeks to extend the current authority for a further one-year period with modifications.²

¹ It also operates as a common carrier by railroad between Yreka and Montague.

² The currently authorized minimum charges are based on weight brackets of 15, 50, 75, 100, 250 and over 250 pounds for shipments between Montague, Yreka and Etna and intermediate points and weight brackets of less than 14 pounds and 14 pounds and over for shipments between Yreka and Orleans and intermediate points. The proposed minimum charges, which result in increases and reductions, are based on weight brackets of less than 26, 51 and 101 pounds and distance scales of under 40 miles, 40 to 80 miles and 80 to 150 miles for shipments between all of the points involved.

Petitioner has heretofore shown that the conditions surrounding the transportation involved are not generally applicable to other regions of the State; that petitioner has always been subject to severe proprietary competition for the traffic involved; that minimum charges higher than those proposed would divert traffic and cause petitioner to realize less net revenue than it would receive at the lesser charges herein sought to be established; and that the diversion of minimum shipments from its lines would prejudice its ability to continue to provide service.

Petitioner now states that the circumstances which required granting of the current authority have continued to exist and now exist and require that the current authority, as modified herein, be continued for another year. Petitioner further states that the sought charges are reasonable charges as applied to its traffic.

Revenue and expense data submitted by petitioner indicate that the transportation involved has been profitable and reasonably may be expected to be profitable in the future.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the petition was mailed to California Trucking Association on November 29, 1968. The petition was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 3, 1968. No objection to the granting of the petition has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed charges are reasonable and justified by transportation conditions. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the petition should be granted.

In view of the impending expiration date of the current authority, the order which follows will be made effective February 3, 1969.

IT IS ORDERED that Yreka Western Railroad Company is hereby authorized to publish, on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to expire with February 5, 1970, the following minimum charges for its highway common carrier operations:

MINIMUM CHARGES IN CENTS PER SHIPMENT BETWEEN MONTAGUE,
YREKA, ETNA AND ORLEANS AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

Weight of Shipment	Distance in Miles		
	Under 40	40 to but not includ- ing 80	80 to 150, inclusive
Less than 26 Pounds	90	150	175
26 Pounds & Less than 51	125	175	200
51 Pounds & Less than 101	150	200	225

This order shall become effective February 3, 1969.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of
January, 1969.

William Spucas, Jr.
President

August
Paul P. Morissey
C. J. ...

Thomas Moran
Commissioners