

Decision No. 75507

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Sheedy Drayage	)	
Co., under the Shortened Procedure	)	
Tariff Docket, to increase rates	)	
and charges for Extra Labor and	)	
for transportation requiring	)	
specially Skilled Labor and Special	)	
Equipment, as provided in Items	)	Shortened Procedure
114, 185, 420, 443 and 450 of its	)	Tariff Docket
Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal.	)	Application No. 50895
PUC No. 2,	)	(Filed February 17, 1969)
	)	(Amended March 3, 1969)
	)	
AND	)	
	)	
For authority to depart from	)	
the terms of Sections 460 and	)	
454 of the Public Utilities	)	
Code in accomplishing proposed	)	
publication.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, as amended, Sheedy Drayage Co., a highway common carrier, seeks authority to increase its rates and charges for (1) furnishing power equipment, special loading and unloading equipment, and extra labor; (2) obtaining special permits; (3) travel time for carrier's employees when the carrier's equipment is detained at jobsite overnight or on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays; and (4) transportation of commodities of unusual size or weight when such transportation is performed by use of low-bed or other heavy duty equipment.

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The current rates and charges which are published in Items Nos. 114, 185, 190, 420, 425, 443 and 450 of Sheedy Drayage Co. Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal.P.U.C. No. 2, are set forth in Exhibit "B" attached to the application. The proposed rates and charges are set forth in detail in Exhibit "C" attached to the application and in the amendment to said application.

Applicant also requests authority to depart from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code in publishing such rates and charges.

Applicant states that the rates and charges for the services involved were last increased on various dates<sup>2</sup> and that the cost of transporting property by motor vehicles including extra labor in connection therewith was increased in 1967 and again more substantially in 1968 in accordance with union contracts. Applicant avers that legislative action has increased the carrier's cost of operation even though a net reduction has been experienced in the workmen's compensation rates. As a result of such increases, applicant contends that the current rates and charges for the services in question are now noncompensatory. Applicant alleges that such increased labor costs were recognized by the Commission when increases were granted in 1967<sup>3</sup> and 1968 for Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase its California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent.

Copies of the application were furnished to California Trucking Association, San Francisco Draymen's Association and Bigge Drayage Co. The application and amendment were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 18 and March 5, 1969, respectively. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

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Rate increases were last adjusted on February 20, 1959, for furnishing special loading and unloading equipment and obtaining special permits; February 5, 1965, for travel time for carrier's employees; March 18, 1967, for the transportation of property in low-bed equipment and furnishing extra labor; and May 8, 1968, for furnishing power equipment.

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See Decisions Nos. 72849, dated August 1, 1967 and 73816, dated March 5, 1968, in Case No. 5432.

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

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Sheedy Drayage Co. is hereby authorized to publish increased rates and charges in its Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal.P.U.C. No. 2, as proposed in the application, 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. Sheedy Drayage Co. in establishing and maintaining the provisions authorized hereinabove, is 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 provisions published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing longp and short-haul departures and to this order.

4. 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 1st day of April, 1969.

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Commissioners