

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 75564

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of C. R. Nickerson, Agent)
 and Attorney, for and on behalf of)
 Speedy Transport Incorporated, by)
 virtue of Power of Attorney on file)
 with the Commission, under Shortened)
 Procedure Tariff Docket, to establish)
 in Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau Tariff)
 No. 16, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1 (Express),)
 and 19 (Freight), of C. R. Nickerson,)
 Agent, to publish increased charges)
 covering the transportation of Wooden)
 Poles when carrier makes special trip)
 for immediate delivery of LCL ship-)
 ment (Rule 426, Exhibit "A"), and to)
 provide Loading and Unloading Charges)
 for certain commodities as proposed)
 in new Rule 356.1, (Exhibit "B")
 hereof), as hereinafter provided.)

Shortened Procedure Tariff
 Docket
 Application No. 50894
 (Filed February 17, 1969)

- AND -

For authority to depart from the)
 terms of Section 454 of the Public)
 Utilities Code when accomplishing)
 proposed publication.)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, C. R. Nickerson, Agent, on behalf of Speedy Transport, Incorporated (Speedy), seeks authority: (1) to establish a minimum charge of \$15.00 per hour, subject to a minimum of two hours, for service when the carrier is called upon to make a special trip for immediate delivery of a less-than-truckload shipment of wooden poles; (2) to cancel, in connection with stringing services, unloading charges of 5 cents per 100 pounds when the distance between origin and destination is 100 constructive miles

or less and 6 cents per 100 pounds when such distance is more than 100 constructive miles; and (3) to establish a charge of 5 cents per 100 pounds, based upon the weight on which transportation charges are assessed, for the service of loading or unloading pipe, culvert, fencing, posts or poles.¹

According to applicant, there have been many instances when shippers, primarily Pacific Gas and Electric Company and The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. have called upon Speedy to transport less-than-truckload shipments of poles on an emergency basis to replace poles which have been blown down by heavy storms, toppled by slides on mountain slopes, burned by forest fires or damaged by motor vehicles. Applicant alleges that, in most instances, the time consumed in these emergency trips from Speedy's terminal and return thereto amounts to three hours or more and that the current less-than-truckload rates and minimum charges do not cover the carrier's out-of-pocket costs.

Applicant states that the proposed cancellation of the current provisions for assessing charges for unloading in connection with stringing services and the establishment of a charge of 5 cents per 100 pounds for loading or unloading are necessary inasmuch as Speedy is called upon to load onto or unload from its equipment pipe, culvert, fencing, posts or poles at various yards and stockpiles. Applicant alleges that the cost for loading or unloading

¹ Applicant proposes to publish the sought tariff revisions in his Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau Local and Joint Freight and Express Tariff No. 16, Cal.P.U.C. Nos. 1 (Express) and 19 (Freight). The proposed rates and charges are set forth in detail in Exhibits "A" and "B" attached to the application.

is the same when performed at yards or stockpiles as it is when performed in stringing service.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the tariff provisions proposed herein would not increase the intrastate gross revenue of Speedy by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 18, 1969. Copies of the application have been furnished to the shippers involved. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

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

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. C. R. Nickerson is authorized to publish in, and concurrently cancel from, Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau Local and Joint Freight and Express Tariff No. 16, Cal.P.U.C. Nos. 1 (Express) and 19 (Freight), for and on behalf of Speedy Transport, Incorporated, rates and charges as specifically proposed in the application.

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. 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 15th day of April, 1969.

William S. ...
President

Richard P. ...

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Commissioners