

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 75972

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of C. R. NICKERSON, Agent and )  
Attorney for carriers parties to )  
Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau, )  
Local Freight Tariff No. 13, )  
Cal. P.U.C. No. 24. )

For an order to increase rates )  
for Travel Time as described in )  
Item 115 of Agent C. R. Nickerson's )  
Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, to the extent )  
proposed in Exhibit "A" attached )  
to and by reference thereto made )  
a part of this application. And )  
to depart from the provisions of )  
Article XII, Section 21 of the )  
Constitution of the State of )  
California and Section 454 )  
of the Public Utilities Code. )

Application No. 51111  
(Filed May 26, 1969)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, C. R. Nickerson, Agent, seeks authority, on behalf of seven common carriers,<sup>1</sup> to increase by 30 cents per hour the hourly rates for travel time involved in transporting vacuum-type and pump-type tank vehicles from the carrier's established terminal to the job site and from the job site to the carrier's terminal.<sup>2</sup>

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The carriers are Vincent Belloumini, Ira W. Hunt and J. B. Cantrell, doing business as Barnett Vacuum Truck Service, Hollow Rod of California, Jack T. Jamar, doing business as J & G Oilwell Service, Roy L. Johnston, doing business as Johnston Vacuum Tank Service, B. L. Lunsford, doing business as Lunsford Tank Lines, Neely's Vacuum Truck Service and Speed's Oil Tool Service, Inc.

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The rates are set forth in Item 115 of C. R. Nickerson, Agent, Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau Local Freight Tariff No. 13, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24.

Applicant proposes to increase the current hourly rates for travel time to the level of the minimum rates which the Commission has established for services performed by the carriers after they have arrived at the job site. Applicant states that the rates for travel time were originally established on the level of the minimum rates for transportation performed at the job site<sup>3</sup> but that the minimum rates were increased effective May 10, 1969.

Applicant avers that the purpose for travel time rates is to reimburse the carrier for travel time expense, which averages between one hour and two hours per day for every day the vehicle moves from or to a job site. Applicant declares that many times the vehicle must travel 30 to 40 miles each day to and from a job site and, in other instances, the vehicle must be moved from one job site to another. Applicant alleges that the hourly cost to the carrier for travel time is exactly the same as that for work on the job site.

Applicant states that the shippers have been apprised of the carriers' intention to increase travel time rates. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 28, 1969. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

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

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Decision No. 75522 dated April 1, 1969, in Case No. 6008 (Petition for Modification No. 8).

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. C. R. Nickerson, Agent, is authorized to publish in his Local Freight Tariff No. 13, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, on behalf of Vincent Belloumini, Ira W. Hunt, J. B. Cantrell, Jack T. Jamar, Roy L. Johnston, B. L. Lunsford, Hollow Rod of California, Neely's Vacuum Truck Service and Speed's Oil Tool Service, Inc., increased rates for travel time as 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 19th day of July, 1969.

William Thomas J.  
President  
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John P. Morrison  
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Commissioners