

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 76728

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. 572  
(Filed January 26, 1970)

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.<sup>1</sup> By Decision No. 75257 dated January 28, 1969, in Case  
No. 5432 (Petition for Modification No. 521), it was authorized  
to publish minimum per-shipment charges lower than those other-  
wise applicable. The authorized charges are published to expire  
with February 5, 1970. By this petition, it seeks to extend the  
current authority for a further one-year period.

Petitioner has heretofore shown that the conditions  
surrounding the transportation involved are not generally  
applicable to other regions of the State; that petitioner has

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

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 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.

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, 1970.

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, 1971, 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, 1970.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this ~~27~~ 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
January, 1970.

William J. Jones Jr.  
President

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J. Williams Jr.

Thomas W. Jones

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
Commissioners