

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 76837

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of C. R. Nickerson,)
Agent and Attorney, for and on)
behalf of G & J Freight, Inc., by)
virtue of Power of Attorney to said)
Agent, under Shortened Procedure)
Tariff Docket, to amend Item 503.10)
of 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 rates)
covering the transportation of)
Fertilizing Compounds, Insecticides)
and Fungicides, when transported)
in Pneumatic Type Trailer Vehicles,)
to the extent outlined in Exhibit)
"A" as hereinafter provided.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 51628
(Filed January 16, 1970)

-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, on behalf of G & J Freight, Inc., seeks authority in connection with the transportation of fertilizing compounds (manufactured fertilizers), insecticides and fungicides, to: (1) increase the minimum weight for the transportation of the above commodities from 36,000 pounds to 40,000 pounds; (2) to publish an additional column of rates which are 2 cents per 100 pounds higher than presently published rates and which are to be restricted to apply only for transportation of the involved commodities in pneumatic type trailer vehicles; and (3) to restrict the present rates for the involved commodities as not applying to shipments when transported in pneumatic type trailer vehicles.¹

¹The present and proposed rates and provisions are and will be published in Item 503.10 of Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau Tariff No. 16, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1 (Express) and Cal.P.U.C. No. 19 (Freight).

Applicant states that the transportation in question is exempt from the Commission's established minimum rates and that the reason for the increase of the minimum weight is based on the fact that the shipments involved herein move in lots of 40,000 pounds. According to applicant, the proposed increase in minimum weight will not cause any undue hardship for either shippers or receivers.

The applicant cites two reasons for increasing rates on shipments when transported in pneumatic trailer vehicles, namely: (1) pneumatic trailer units require about twice the capital investment needed for a conventional type trailer;² and (2) the maintenance costs for the specialized pneumatic trailers far exceed the costs to maintain conventional trailer vehicles.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of G & J Freight, Inc., by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 19, 1970. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds that increases resulting from the publication of the rates and related changes as specifically 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, Agent, is hereby authorized, on behalf of G & J Freight, Inc., to publish the increased rates and minimum weight in his Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau Tariff No. 16, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1 (Express) and Cal.P.U.C. No. 19 (Freight), as specifically proposed in the application.

²The applicant declares that the cost for a pneumatic trailer vehicle is about \$23,400.00 as against \$11,500.00 for a conventional type trailer.

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 20th day of February, 1970.

William J. Agnew, Jr.
President

Vernon L. Sturgeon
Commissioners

Commissioner A. W. Gator, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.