

Decision No. 77065**ORIGINAL**

## 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. 15).

Case No. 7783  
(Petition for Modification  
No. 25)  
(Filed April 3, 1970)

INTERIM SURCHARGE SUPPLEMENT AND ORDER

(Applicable to Minimum Rate Tariff 15)

To be applied to the total transportation charges resulting under this tariff.

Petitioner, California Trucking Association, seeks immediate relief to offset substantial wage increases established retroactive to April 1, 1970. It is alleged that increases in the new labor contract range from 46 to 51 cents per hour which will increase carrier operating costs from 5½ to 9½ percent. Petitioner asserts that the latest available financial information indicates that, under the new labor contract, carriers will not be able to meet their financial obligations nor to provide adequate service to the public without additional revenues.

The Commission finds that for-hire carriers have incurred increased labor costs as of April 1, 1970. The Commission concludes that, until further order of the Commission, charges under the minimum rates involved herein should be increased as set forth in the following order. Public hearings will be scheduled to receive additional evidence in this matter and to consider rate scales appropriate to replace the interim surcharge.

The order which follows will amend the minimum rate tariff involved and will be filed as a supplement to said tariff.

## IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Minimum Rate Tariff 15 is further amended to provide that charges resulting thereunder shall be increased as follows:

- (a) Items 120, 130, 140, 141, 150, 320, 330, 340 and 350 by 8 percent
- (b) Items 200, 210, 300 and 310 by \$97.00 per unit of carrier's equipment
- (c) Items 400 and 410 by \$23.00 per unit of carrier's equipment

and are to become effective May 1, 1970. Fractions will be disposed of as follows: Fractions of less than fifty cents shall be dropped; fractions of fifty cents or greater shall be increased to one dollar.

2. Common carriers subject to the Public Utilities Act to the extent that they are also subject to the minimum rate orders herein involved are hereby directed to establish in their tariffs the surcharges specified in Ordering Paragraph 1 herein to be applied to the total transportation charges resulting under their respective tariffs.

3. With respect to rates maintained by common carriers for transportation not subject to the minimum rate order herein involved and/or maintained on a level other than minimum rates for transportation for which rates are prescribed in the minimum rate order involved, said carriers are authorized to apply the surcharges specified in Ordering Paragraph 1 herein.

4. Common carriers, in establishing and maintaining the rates authorized hereinabove, are 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 rates published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

5. Common carriers are hereby authorized and directed to increase their rates on not less than two days' notice to the Commission and to the public and to publish said increases to become effective May 1, 1970.

6. Common carriers are hereby authorized to depart from the Commission's tariff circular requirements only to the extent necessary in establishing the interim surcharges authorized by this order.

7. Further hearings in this proceeding will be held at times and places to be determined.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of April, 1970.

William S. Agnew, Jr.  
President

Thomas L. Steiner  
Commissioners

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