

Decision No. 78225

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## 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. 623  
 (Filed January 8, 1971)

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. 76728 dated January 27, 1970, in Case No. 5432 (Petition for Modification No. 572), it was authorized to publish minimum per-shipment charges lower than those otherwise applicable. The authorized charges are published to expire with February 5, 1971. By this petition, it seeks to extend the current authority, with a slight increase in the charges, 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 always been

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<sup>1/</sup> It also operates as a common carrier by railroad between Yreka and Montague.

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, but with the proposed increases. 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, and the proposed increases are justified. 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, 1971.

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, 1972, 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	100	170	200
26 pounds & less than 51	140	200	230
51 pounds & less than 101	170	230	250

This order shall become effective February 3, 1971.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of JANUARY, 1971.

[Signature]  
Chairman  
William Lyons Jr.  
[Signature]  
Sam L. Sturgeon

Commissioners