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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Case No. 5330
Petition for Modification
No. 52
(Filed July 28, 1970;
Amended September 3, 1970
and March 23, 1971)

On July 28, 1970, California Moving & Storage Association, Inc., filed with the Commission its petition for an investigation into the rates, rules and regulations pertaining to long-distance moving rates as heretofore established and now in effect, and granting to petitioner immediate surcharge rate relief occasioned by increased labor costs resulting from renegotiated wage contracts or contracts in effect and carrying acceleration clauses with respect to wages and related fringe benefits. Thereafter, on September 3, 1970, petitioner filed its First Amendment to Petition No. 52, as the consequence of which the Commission issued Decision No. 77818, dated October 14, 1970, granting in general terms a five percent (5%) interim increase.

By this Second Amendment to Petition No. 52, petitioner requests the Commission to establish a further increase in the distance rates in Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B by the issuance of a supplement to said tariff prescribing a 10 percent surcharge in lieu of the five percent surcharge prescribed in Decision No. 77818.

The long-distance rates for household goods moving in Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B were prescribed by the Commission in Decision No. 76735, dated February 3, 1970, in Case No. 5330 (Petition No. 42). In said decision the Commission found in part as follows:

"Effective October 1, 1969, household goods carriers subject to the minimum rates in MRT 4-B incurred increased costs of operation, which are not reflected in said minimum rates."

"The minimum distance rates, piece rates and accessorial charges set forth in MRT 4-B should be adjusted to reflect such increased costs of operation."

Exhibits attached to the Second Amendment, hercin, disclose that as of July 1, 1971, the labor costs (wages and allied expenses) of household goods carriers will have increased over the October 1, 1969 costs by in excess of 17 percent in the case of line drivers, 16.5 percent in the case of local drivers, 15.5 percent in the case of helpers, and in excess of 15.5 percent with respect to warehousemen and dock personnel. As a result thereof, as of July 1, 1971, the costs to the carriers in transporting household goods under long-distance rates will have increased in excess of ten percent.

Petitioner asserts that the issues in Petition No. 52 concern the general review of the long-distance rate structure, that studies in such matter have been and concurrently are being made by petitioner and by the Commission staff but that it is obvious that such studies cannot be completed, hearings held, a Commission decision issued and revised minimum rates be made effective by July 1, 1971 at which time substantial increases in wages of employees become effective pursuant to outstanding collective bargaining contracts. Negotiations are in progress with respect to other labor

agreements and when they are concluded petitioner will then complete cost and rate information as well as its proposals regarding changes in the rate structure.

We are informed by the Commission's Transportation Division that the staff has reviewed the petition and is of the opinion that the granting of the relief sought would be appropriate in the absence of protest. No protests have been received. The interim relief sought has been shown to be justified. A public hearing is not necessary.

We conclude that Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B should be amended by supplement incorporating the surcharge prescribed herein, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B (Appendix C of Decision No. 65521, as amended) is further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective July 1, 1971, Supplement No. 14, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. Common carriers subject to the Public Utilities Act, to the extent that they are subject also to said Decision No. 65521, as amended, are hereby directed to establish in their tariffs the increases necessary to conform with the further adjustments ordered herein.

3. Tariff publications required to be made by common carriers 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 the fifth day after the effective date of this order, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, and shall be made effective not later than July 1, 1971.

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4. In all other respects said Decision No. 65521, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

5. Interim Surcharge Supplement and Order in Decision No. 77818, dated October 14, 1970, is canceled.

6. Further proceedings in Petition No. 52 shall be had at a time and place to be determined.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Diego, California, this 2nd day of JUNE, 1971.

William J. Lyons Chairman
Vernon L. Sturgeon
Commissioners

I dissent

J. H. [unclear], Chairman.

SUPPLEMENT 14

(CANCELS SUPPLEMENT 13 AND INTERIM
SURCHARGE SUPPLEMENT IN DECISION 77818)

(SUPPLEMENT 14 CONTAINS ALL CHANGES)

TO

MINIMUM RATE TARIFF NO. 4-B

NAMING

MINIMUM RATES AND RULES

FOR THE

TRANSPORTATION OF USED PROPERTY, VIZ.:

HOUSEHOLD GOODS, PERSONAL EFFECTS AND
OFFICE, STORE AND INSTITUTION FURNITURE,
PICTURES AND EQUIPMENT OVER THE
PUBLIC HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BY

RADIAL HIGHWAY COMMON CARRIERS

HIGHWAY CONTRACT CARRIERS

AND

HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIERS

APPLICATION OF SURCHARGES

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1971

Issued by the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
State Building, Civic Center
San Francisco, California 94102

6 APPLICATION OF SURCHARGES

◊ Except as otherwise provided, compute the amount of charges in accordance with the rates and rules in this tariff and increase the amount so computed by ten (10) percent.

The surcharge authorized herein shall be computed to the nearest 5 cents. In computing the surcharge, 2½ cents and 7½ cents shall be considered as being nearer to the next 5 cents.

EXCEPTION.--The surcharges herein shall not apply on charges resulting under:

- (1) Item 45
- (2) Note 1 of Item 110
- (3) Paragraphs (d) and (e) of Item 120
- (4) Item 187
- (5) Item 330
- (6) Item 350
- (7) Paragraph 2(a) of Item 360

THE END

◊ Change }
 ◊ Increase } Decision No.

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