

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 78913

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 cover-)
 ing the transportation of Fertilizing)
 Compounds, Insecticides and Fungicides,)
 to the extent outlined in Exhibit "A")
 attached hereto and made a part of)
 this application.)

Shortened Procedure
 Tariff Docket
 Application No. 52609
 (Filed May 10, 1971)

-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 present rates by ½ to 1½
 cents per 100 pounds for distances up to 480 miles and (2) to estab-
 lish distance rates in cents per 100 pounds for distances over 480
 miles but not over 600 miles.¹

¹ The present rates are 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 carrier currently maintains two scales of rates on the above commodities, one for transportation in other than pneumatic-type trailer vehicles and the other for transportation in pneumatic-type trailer vehicles. Applicant contends that these rates were respectively established effective February 26, 1968 and April 20, 1970, for the former and latter types of equipment. Applicant alleges that these rates have not been increased since they were originally established and that several minimum class rate increases have been authorized to offset increased labor costs and other operating expenses since February 26, 1968.² Applicant avers that the proposed rates would offset part of the carrier's increased labor costs and operating expenses.

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 certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was served on the carrier's volume shippers of fertilizer, Valley Nitrogen Producers, Inc., and Reserve Oil and Gas Company, and California Trucking Association. Attached to the application are letters from the two volume shippers supporting the carrier's proposal. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 11, 1971. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that the transportation in question is exempt from the application of the Commission's minimum rates and that the rates for such transportation filed by other highway common carriers are generally considerably higher than the proposed rates. The staff recommends that the application be granted by ex parte order.

² Decisions Nos. 73816, 75520, 76353, 77441 and 78030.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from publication of the rates 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 rates 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.

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 13th day of July, 1971.

Chairman

William Simon, Jr.
Thomas R. Stinger

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

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