

Decision No. 80556

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of C. R. Nickerson, )  
Agent and Attorney, for and on )  
behalf of Howard Terminal Railway, )  
by virtue of Power of Attorney to )  
said Agent, under Shortened )  
Procedure Tariff Docket, to issue )  
Howard Terminal Railway Terminal )  
Tariff No. 2-C, I.C.C. No. 16, )  
cancelling Terminal Tariff No. 2-B, )  
I.C.C. No. 15 (Also filed with the )  
Public Utilities Commission of the )  
State of California) to increase )  
rates and charges to the extent )  
outlined in Exhibit "A" attached )  
hereto and made a part of this )  
application. )

Shortened Procedure  
Tariff Docket  
Application No. 53455  
(Filed July 14, 1972)

-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, Agent, seeks authority on behalf of Howard Terminal Railway (Howard), to increase charges for weighing or reweighing loaded cars and to increase certain switching charges.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant states that Howard has not increased its charges for weighing or reweighing loaded cars and for switching services since 1957, whereas, it points out, all other rail lines

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<sup>1</sup>The rates are published in Howard Terminal Railway Terminal Tariff No. 2-B, I.C.C. No. 15.

in California have been authorized to increase their switching and other terminal charges under various ex parte proceedings. Applicant avers that since 1957 the cost of labor and related expenses far exceed the revenue derived for the involved services and that the deficit has been absorbed.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of Howard by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 17, 1972. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that Howard has experienced substantial increases in its costs of operation since the involved charges were last adjusted in 1957. The proposed increases will enable Howard to offset some of these additional costs.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that applicant's proposal is reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

Pursuant to paragraph (E)(2)(e) of Rule 23.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, no findings regarding compliance with the Federal Economic Stabilization Act are required for Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket filings seeking carrier rate adjustments under Rule 25 thereof.

IT IS ORDERED that:


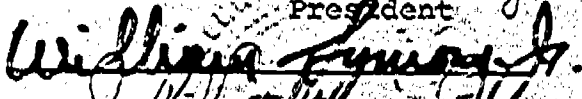

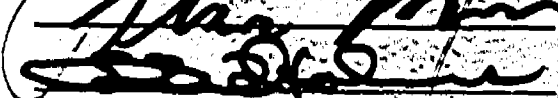
1. C. R. Nickerson, Agent, is hereby authorized, on behalf of Howard Terminal Railway, to amend Howard Terminal Railway Terminal Tariff No. 2-B, I.C.C. No. 15, by publishing tariff provisions resulting in increases for weighing or reweighing loaded cars and for switching services as specifically proposed 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 3rd day of October, 1972.

  
President  
  
  
  
Commissioners