

Decision No. 81436

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 relat-) ing to the transportation of any) and all commodities between and) within all points and places in) the State of California (includ-) ing, but not limited to, trans-) portation for which rates are) provided in Minimum Rate Tariff 2).)

Case No. 5432 (Petition for Modification No. 742) (Filed April 2, 1973)

OPINION AND ORDER

Minimum Rate Tariff 2 (MRT 2) names minimum rates and rules for the statewide transportation of general commodities by highway carriers. Certain provisions in MRT 2 do not permit split pickup or split delivery service on C.O.D. shipments or shipments transported on Order Notify Bills of Lading and limit the number of components that comprise a split pickup or split delivery shipment.¹ These provisions are scheduled to expire with June 30, 1973. By the above petition, California Trucking Association requests that the Commission extend the expiration date to December 31, 1974. Relief from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code is also sought.

These provisions are set forth in detail in Items 160 and 170 of MRT 2.

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According to petitioner, these provisions were originally suggested as alternatives to upward adjustments in tariff charges for such services. Petitioner points out that evaluations for other meaningful revisions of such provisions are continuing but no firm proposals have as yet been finalized. Petitioner alleges that the proposed extension of the present expiration date will permit an orderly and continuing evaluation of other suggested changes concurrently with existing provisions and believes that such handling is responsive to the needs and desires of affected interests.

Copies of the petition were mailed to various chambers of commerce, shipper organizations, carrier representatives and other interested parties on or about March 29, 1973. The petition was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 3, 1973. No objection to the granting of the petition has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that petitioner's proposal is reasonable and that the resulting rates and charges will be just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory minimum rates and charges for the transportation involved. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the petition should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Minimum Rate Tariff 2 (Appendix D to Decision No. 31606, as amended) is further amended by incorporating therein to become effective July 1, 1973, Thirty-first Revised Page 20-A and Eighth Revised Page 20-E 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 to Decision No. 31606, as amended, are hereby authorized to establish in their tariffs the amendments necessary to conform with the further adjustments ordered herein.

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3. Tariff publications authorized 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 tenth day after the effective date of this order and may be made effective on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public if filed not later than sixty days after the effective date of the minimum rate tariff pages incorporated in this order.

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

5. In all other respects Decision No. 31606, as amonded, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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Dated at San Francisco, California, this $\underline{30^{U}}$ day of May, 1973.

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THIRTIETH REVISED PAGE SECTION 1--RULES OF GENERAL APPLICATION (Continued) TTEM SPLIT PICKUP (Items 160, 161, 162 and 163) (E) A. Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of this item do not apply to: 1. Shipments, including any component part thereof, moving under Collect on Delivery (C.O.D.) provisions, nor Shipments. including any component part thereof, transported on Order Notify Bills of Lading. 2. (E)B. Each shipment shall be limited to the following numbers of split pickup components, including the original pickups. When The Actual Or Billed Weight Of The Shipment (Whichever Is Greater) Is Maximum Number Of Split Pickup (In Pounds) Components Allowed 160 But Will Be (See Exception) Over Not Over 4,999 6,000 8,000 6 6,000 8 8,000 10,000 10 10,000 See Note NOTE -- One split pickup component will be allowed for each addi-tional 1,000 pounds or fraction thereof, subject to a maximum of 20 pickup components per shipment. EXCEPTION. -- The total number of split pickup components may exceed the allowed number shown, provided, however, that for each pickup component in excess of said allowed number, a charge of \$4.25 will be made in addition to all other applicable rates and charges. In no event shall there be more than 40 pickup components per shipment. (Continued in Item 161) \$00 (E) Expires with December 31, 1974. o Change 3 Increase Decision No.) 6 Reduction) EFFECTIVE ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Correction

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