

ORIGINALDecision No. 82237

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Southcoast)	Shortened Procedure
Freight Bureau Under the Shortened)	Tariff Docket
Procedure Tariff Docket to Amend)	Application No. 54344
Various Items of Individual Car-)	(Filed September 24, 1973)
rier's Tariffs.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau, on behalf of the railroads operating in California,¹ seeks authority to amend certain provisions in various rail tariffs by indicating that derrick or crane service will be furnished at facilities in Los Angeles and San Diego instead of facilities at unnamed locations where the service may be available.²

Applicant avers the proposed tariff amendments became effective on interstate traffic moving to, from and within the State of California on February 15, 1973. Applicant declares that the rail carriers have maintained permanent derrick or crane facilities at various points on their lines for their own purposes for a good number of years. According to applicant, these facilities were made available to accommodate shippers, without charge, since they were not in continual use by the carriers and the use thereof did not result in additional cost to carriers.

Applicant alleges that it became common practice for a rail carrier, which did not maintain the aforementioned facilities, to meet the competition of another rail carrier by supplying its own equipment or employing and supplying non-railroad operated equipment at a common point where the latter carrier maintained

¹ The railroads are listed in Exhibit A attached to the application.

² The proposal is set forth in detail in Exhibit B attached to the application.

such facilities. Applicant contends that, as permanent facilities became inoperative and not economical to repair or replace and no longer needed by the carrier, it also became common practice for the carrier with the permanent facility to hire mobile equipment to maintain its competitive situation.

Applicant states that with these permanent facilities becoming inoperative and no longer needed by the carriers for their own individual purposes, the original intent of railroads furnishing this free service to patrons is now gone. Applicant avers that the involved service is not normally included in basic costs allocated to terminal expenses and is wholly absorbed by the terminal line supplying the crane service. Applicant declares that absorption of these costs constitutes a large proportion of the carriers' revenue resulting in noncompensatory situations and the rental costs sometimes exceed the carriers' divisional share of the line-haul rates.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of September 26, 1973. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases resulting from amendment of the tariff provisions, as proposed, are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau is hereby authorized, on behalf of the carriers listed in Exhibit A of Application No. 54344, to amend their tariff provisions pertaining to derrick or crane service, as specifically proposed in said application.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective


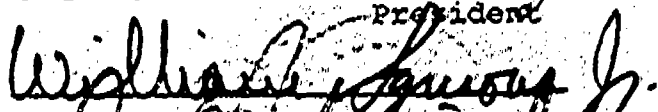

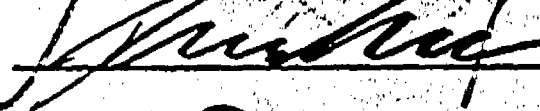

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date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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 7th day of December, 1973.


President




Commissioners