

Decision No. 82243

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Petition of THE STANDARD REGISTER
COMPANY for suspension and investi-
gation of Item 495.2 of Pacific
Southcoast Freight Bureau Tariff
274, ICC 1415, issued by A. Y. Graham,
Tariff Publishing Officer.

(I&S) Case No. 9635
(Filed November 28, 1973)

ORDER GRANTING HEARING
FOR INVESTIGATION AND SUSPENSION

By petition filed November 28, 1973, The Standard Register Company (Standard) seeks investigation and suspension of Items 495.1 and 495.2 of Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau Tariff 274, ICC 1415, issued by A. Y. Graham, Tariff Publishing Officer.

The petition states that by a tariff filing scheduled to become effective December 12, 1973 The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company (Santa Fe) rail carload rates applicable to the transportation of certain paper articles from and to petitioner's plant at Kings Park will be canceled.^{1/}

1/ The rates contained in Items 495.1 and 495.2 apply on:

PAPER ARTICLES, viz.:

CARDS or TICKETS, autographic, cash register, time register or accounting, computing, data-processing or weighing machines, printed or not printed.

PAPER, AUTOGRAPHIC REGISTER, CASH REGISTER, COMPUTING MACHINE or TICKET ISSUING MACHINE, PLAIN or RULED, printed or not printed in boxes. (See Note 1)

PAPER FORMS.

PAPER, viz.:

CARBON, noibn.

The petition states that the rates in issue were approved for cancellation under this Commission's Order No. STD 7854 dated October 2, 1973 which granted Special Tariff Docket (STD) Application 7713 filed by Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau for authority to increase rates under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code through cancellation of unused tariff provisions.

Petitioner alleges that it has offered rail traffic to Santa Fe, but because of transit times the carrier is unable to properly serve petitioner's needs. Petitioner states that it has moved its traffic to and from Kings Park by motor carrier under the alternative application of common carrier rate provisions of the Commission's minimum rate tariffs. The petition further states that, if the railroads were able to perform a service comparable to that of motor carriers between points in the San Joaquin Valley and the Los Angeles area, the rail carriers would be handling the traffic in lieu of motor carriers.

Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau, in support of its application granted in Order No. STD 7854, stated that the California railroads have embarked on a program aimed at revising their tariffs to reflect current conditions and that one of the first steps is cancellation of specific commodity rate provisions that have not been used for some time, as evidenced by a study of the carriers' movement statistics. The verified application states that there was no rail movement under rates in Items 495.1 and 495.2 during the year prior to the filing of the application and that rail carriers have been unable to determine with any degree of specificity that retention of the rates proposed to be canceled would result in any future movement by rail.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that the rates proposed to be canceled in the tariff publication effective December 12, 1973 should not be canceled and that the matter should be set for public hearing. The Commission concludes that the petition should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Petition for Investigation and Suspension of the rates published in Items 495.1 and 495. 2 of Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau Tariff 274, filed by The Standard Register Company (Pacific Region), is granted.

2. Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau shall maintain the rates named in Items 495.1 and 495.2 of Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau Tariff 274, ICC 1415, issued by A. Y. Graham, Tariff Publishing Officer, until April 11, 1974 unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th
day of DECEMBER, 1973.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William Synovis Jr.

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Commissioners

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