

ORIGINALDecision No. 82316

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 household goods carriers,
common carriers, relating to the
transportation of used household
goods and related property.

Case No. 5330
Petition for Modification
No. 52

(Filed July 28, 1970; amended
September 3, 1970; March 23,
1971; November 21, 1972; and
May 8, 1973)

THIRD INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

This proceeding contemplates the complete restructuring of the minimum rates for the transportation of used household goods and related articles for distances exceeding 50 constructive miles, commonly referred to as the long distance moving rates. By the first interim opinion and order in Decision No. 77818 dated October 14, 1970, the Commission prescribed an increase in the form of a 5 percent surcharge to those rates. By second interim opinion and order in Decision No. 78766 dated June 2, 1971, a 10 percent surcharge was prescribed in lieu of the previous surcharge.

Sixteen days of hearings have been held in this proceeding, commencing December 5, 1972 and extending through July 10, 1973. Briefs were in October 11, 1973. By its Third Amendment to Petition for Modification No. 52, California Moving and Storage Association requests the Commission to establish a 20 percent surcharge in lieu of the 10 percent surcharge pending determination of this proceeding. At hearings and in its brief petitioner renewed its request for interim relief, pointing out that the carriers have incurred substantial increases in costs, and more particularly labor costs, since June 2, 1971.

There are a multitude of issues in this proceeding. There are proposals for radical changes in the structure of the minimum rates for long distance moving as well as proposals for

substantial changes in the rules governing the application of the rates. Although the issues are under submission, full and complete consideration for a determination thereof will require some time. The record shows, however, that the present minimum rates are insufficient. The evidence taken shows that regardless of the determination of individual issues involved, adjustment in the long distance rates for shipments of Any Quantity, and minimum weights of 5,000 and 8,000 pounds at least 5 percent higher than the present rates are required to provide sufficient minimum rates, and that similar adjustments will be necessary with respect to charges for accessorial services performed in connection with long distance moving.

Pending determination of the issues in this proceeding, except as to the long distance rates for minimum weights of 1,000 pounds and 2,000 pounds, a 15 percent surcharge should be established in lieu of the present 10 percent surcharge. The increases resulting therefrom are justified and are necessary to assure the maintenance of adequate and dependable service by household goods carriers.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B (Appendix C of Decision No. 65521, as amended) is further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective February 8, 1974, Supplement No. 22, 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 also to said Decision No. 65521, as amended, are directed to establish in their tariffs the increases necessary to conform with the further adjustments ordered herein.
3. Tariff publications required to be made by common carriers as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than the fifth day after the effective date of this order, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, and shall be made effective not later than February 8, 1974.

4. In all other respects said Decision No. 65521, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of JANUARY, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William Symons Jr.

[Signature]
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Commissioners

I abstain
William Jr., Commissioner

SUPPLEMENT 22
(CANCELS SUPPLEMENT 17)
(SUPPLEMENTS 18, 19, 20, 21 AND 22 CONTAIN ALL CHANGES)

TO
MINIMUM RATE TARIFF 4-B
NAMING
MINIMUM RATES AND RULES
FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION OF USED PROPERTY, VIZ.:
HOUSEHOLD GOODS, PERSONAL EFFECTS AND
OFFICE, STORE AND INSTITUTION FURNITURE,
FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT OVER THE
PUBLIC HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BY
RADIAL HIGHWAY COMMON CARRIERS
HIGHWAY CONTRACT CARRIERS
AND
HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIERS

APPLICATION OF SURCHARGES
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EFFECTIVE

APPLICATION OF SURCHARGES

Compute the amount of charges in accordance with the rates and rules in this tariff and increase the amount so computed by:

- (a) ten (10) percent under the rates based on minimum weights of 1,000 and 2,000 pounds in Items 300 and 320; and
- ◊ (b) fifteen (15) percent under the remaining rates in the tariff. (See Exception).

The surcharge authorized herein shall be computed to the nearest 5 cents. In computing the surcharge, 2½ cents and 7½ cents shall be considered as being nearer to the next 5 cents.

EXCEPTION.--The surcharges herein shall not apply on charges resulting under:

- (A) Item 45
- (B) Note 1 of Item 110
- (C) Paragraphs (d) and (e) of Item 120
- (D) Item 187
- (E) Item 330
- (F) Item 350
- (G) Paragraph 2(a) of Item 360

THE END

◊ Change) Decision No. 82316
 ◊ Increase)