

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 82399

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of O. R. Thomasson,)	
Alternate Agent, under the)	
Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket)	Shortened Procedure
to increase certain rates in)	Tariff Docket
Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc.)	Application No. 54364
Local Freight Express Tariff)	(Filed October 3, 1973)
No. 8-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1 (Series)	
of D. W. Baker, Agent).)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, O. R. Thomasson, Agent, on behalf of Beckman Express & Warehouse Co. (Beckman), seeks to increase Beckman's hourly rates for emergency service requiring a special trip for a single shipper or consignee.¹

Applicant states that the hourly rates for the above service were established effective January 17, 1962, pursuant to Decision No. 62977 in Application No. 43680 and the level of the rates was comparable to the hourly rates for the transportation of property within the East Bay Drayage Area at that time. Applicant avers that, though the rates in question have been increased over the past eleven years, they have not kept pace with the continuing increase in labor-related costs with the result that such rates are now below the cost of performing the service.²

¹ The present hourly rates for equipment with a capacity "under 10,500 pounds," "10,500 pounds to 19,999 pounds" and "20,000 pounds and over" are \$10.12, \$11.80 and \$13.49, respectively. The proposed hourly rates for the aforementioned capacity groups would correspondingly be increased to \$17.41, \$18.05 and \$19.34.

² Since no specific minimum rates have been established for this specialized service, the percentage increases in the weight rates authorized for general freight have been applied to the hourly rates for such transportation over the years. As a result, the rates in question are now considerably below the Commission's minimum hourly rates for transportation within the East Bay Drayage Area.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 4, 1973. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, 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.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. O. R. Thomasson, Agent, is hereby authorized, on behalf of Beckman Express & Warehouse Co., to publish increased hourly rates for emergency service requiring a special trip in Item 1300 of Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 8-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1 (Series of D. W. Baker, Agent), 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 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.

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This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of January, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President

William J. Quinn

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Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vakasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.