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Decision No. 82453

**ORIGINAL**

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 highway carriers relating )  
to the transportation of any and )  
all commodities between and within )  
all points and places in the State )  
of California (including, but not )  
limited to, transportation for )  
which rates are provided in )  
Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2).

Case No. 5432  
Petition for Modification  
No. 780  
(Amended February 1, 1974)

And Related Matters.

Case No. 5330, Petition No. 80  
Case No. 5433, Petition No. 49  
Case No. 5436, Petition No. 155  
Case No. 5437, Petition No. 259  
Case No. 5438, Petition No. 94  
Case No. 5439, Petition No. 199  
Case No. 5440, Petition No. 89  
Case No. 5441, Petition No. 286  
Case No. 5603, Petition No. 138  
Case No. 5604, Petition No. 41  
Case No. 6008, Petition No. 25  
Case No. 7783, Petition No. 85  
Case No. 7857, Petition No. 92  
Case No. 8808, Petition No. 26  
(Amended February 1, 1974)

INTERIM SURCHARGE SUPPLEMENT AND ORDER

(Applicable to Minimum Rate Tariffs 1-B, 2, 3-A,  
4-B, 6-B, 7-A, 8, 9-B, 10, 11-A, 12, 13, 14-A,  
15, 17, 18, 19, and 20.)

(Not applicable to accessorial service charges  
and railhead to railhead charges.)

To be applied to the total transportation charges  
resulting under tariffs including current supple-  
ments thereof.

Petitioner, California Trucking Association, on February 1, 1974 filed a motion with the Commission requesting that charges resulting under the Commission's outstanding minimum rate orders be made subject to a 5 percent interim surcharge to offset increased fuel costs pending further adjourned hearing in these proceedings.

The Commission finds that for-hire carriers have incurred unprecedented increases in fuel costs not currently reflected in the Commission's several minimum rate tariffs. It is concluded that until further order of the Commission, charges under the minimum rates involved herein should be increased as set forth in the following order. Public hearings are scheduled for the receipt of evidence in this matter.

The order which follows will amend the minimum rate tariffs involved and will be filed as a supplement to said tariffs.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Minimum Rate Tariffs 1-B, 2, 3-A, 4-B, 6-B, 7-A, 8, 9-B, 10, 11-A, 12, 13, 14-A, 15, 17, 18, 19, and 20 are hereby further amended to provide that charges resulting thereunder shall be increased by 3 percent (except as to accessorial service charges and charges resulting from the use of railhead to railhead rates applied under the alternative application of common carrier rates) to become effective on February 11, 1974. Fractions of less than one-half cent shall be dropped; fractions of one-half cent or greater shall be increased to one cent.

2. Common carriers subject to the Public Utilities Act to the extent that they are also subject to the minimum rate orders herein involved are hereby directed to establish in their tariffs the surcharge specified in Ordering Paragraph 1 herein, to be applied to the total transportation charges resulting under their respective tariffs.

3. With respect to rates maintained by common carriers for transportation not subject to the minimum rate orders herein involved and/or maintained on a level other than minimum rates for the transportation for which rates are prescribed in the minimum rate orders involved, said carriers are authorized to apply the surcharge specified in Ordering Paragraph 1 herein.

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

5. Common carriers are hereby authorized and directed to increase their rates on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public and to publish said increases to be effective February 11, 1974.

6. Common carriers are hereby authorized to depart from the Commission's tariff circular requirements only to the extent necessary in establishing the interim surcharges authorized by this order.

7. Further hearing in these proceedings is scheduled to be held on February 13, 1974 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's Courtroom, State Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

8. To the extent not granted herein the motion of the California Trucking Association is denied.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Diego, California, this  
5th day of FEBRUARY, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
William J. [unclear]  
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Commissioners