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Decision No. 82544

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application 7772 of PACIFIC)	
SOUTHCOAST FREIGHT BUREAU under)	Shortened Procedure
the Shortened Procedure Tariff)	Tariff Docket
Docket for authority to republish)	Application No. 54525
Item X-267-B as outlined in)	(Filed December 20, 1973)
Exhibit "A" hereof of PSFB)	
Tariff 286-C.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau (PSFB) seeks authority, on behalf of the rail carriers participating in PSFB Freight Tariff 286-C, to republish increased rates for the transportation of dried fruits and vegetables between points in California.

Applicant seeks to restore the intrastate rate levels in various items of PSFB Freight Tariff 286-C to the same level as maintained on interstate traffic, a relationship which has existed generally for quite a number of years. Applicant contends that the Ex Parte 267 increase on dried fruits and vegetables, which had been in effect on interstate traffic, became effective December 17, 1971, on California intrastate traffic but such increase was inadvertently canceled from the tariff effective August 15, 1972. Applicant alleges that the cancellation was shown in the tariff amendment as "change, neither increase nor reduction" and this fact adds to its contention that such cancellation was clearly unintentional.

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.

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Attached to the application is a copy of Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau Proposal 3028 which was issued November 15, 1973, and was publicized in the November 24, 1973 issue of the Weekly Traffic Bulletin on a nationwide basis. Copies thereof were mailed directly to 115 shippers that had previously notified the Bureau of their interest in rates on the commodities involved. No objection was registered to the announced proposed action by any shipper.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 21, 1973. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases which will result from applicant's proposal 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 carriers party to Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau Freight Tariff 286-C, to publish an amendment to said tariff 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 the fifth day 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 12th day of March, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William J. ...
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Commissioners

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.