

ORIGINALDecision No. 82834

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of John T. Reed,)
 President of Pacific Coast)
 Tariff Bureau, for and on behalf)
 of G & J Freight, Inc., by)
 virtue of Power of Attorney to)
 said Pacific Coast Tariff)
 Bureau, under Shortened Proce-)
 dure Tariff Docket, to amend)
 Item 503.10 of Pacific Coast)
 Tariff Bureau Tariff No. 16,)
 Cal.P.U.C. No. 1 (Express) and)
 19 (Freight), to publish)
 increased rates and charges)
 covering the transportation of)
 Fertilizing Compounds (Manu-)
 factured Fertilizers), Insec-)
 ticides and Fungicides, to the)
 extent outlined in Exhibit "B")
 attached hereto and by)
 reference thereto, made a part)
 of this application.)

Shortened Procedure
 Tariff Docket
 Application No. 54733
 (Filed March 15, 1974)

-AND-

For authority to depart from)
 the terms of Sections 454 and)
 491 of the Public Utilities)
 Code when accomplishing)
 proposed publication.)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau (PCTB) seeks authority, on behalf of G & J Freight, Inc. (G & J), to increase G & J's distance rates for the transportation of Fertilizing Compounds (Manufactured Fertilizers), Insecticides and Fungicides.¹

¹The distance rates are set forth in Item No. 503.10 of PCTB Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 16, Cal.P.U.C. Nos. 1 (Express) and 19 (Freight) and in Exhibit "A" attached to the application. The proposed rates are set forth in Exhibit "B" attached to said application.

Applicant states that distance rates for the transportation of the aforementioned commodities were originally established for the account of G & J on February 26, 1968, and the rates have been increased but twice since that date (September of 1971 and November of 1973). Applicant avers that the transportation in question is exempt from the application of the Commission's minimum rates and the rates on nonexempt commodities have been increased approximately 15 percent since the former date. Applicant declares that the proposed increases are required to enable G & J to offset the increased operating expenses it has experienced since November of 1973 in performing the above transportation service.

Applicant alleges that Valley Nitrogen Producers, Inc., Fresno, and Reserve Oil and Gas Company, Hanford, the volume shippers involved, have been contacted concerning the proposed increase in rates and such parties do not object to the proposal.

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

The certificate of service indicates that copies of the application were mailed to California Trucking Association, Reserve Oil and Gas Company and Valley Nitrogen Producers, Inc. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 18, 1974. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases resulting from the proposal herein are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau is hereby authorized, on behalf of G & J Freight, Inc., to publish rates in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 16,

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Cal.P.U.C. Nos. 1 (Express) and 19 (Freight), 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.

The authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective May 28, 1974.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 7th day of May, 1974.

President
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Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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