

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 82835

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application 7810 of PACIFIC	)	
SOUTHCOAST FREIGHT BUREAU under	)	
the Shortened Procedure Tariff	)	Shortened Procedure
Docket for authority to remove	)	Tariff Docket
transit privileges and follow	)	Application No. 54648
lot provisions from sanitary	)	(Filed February 11, 1974)
paper rates in Items named in	)	
Exhibit "A" hereof to PSFB	)	
Tariff 274.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau (PSFB) seeks authority, on behalf of the rail carriers participating in PSFB Freight Tariff 274, to amend the provisions governing the rates for the transportation of sanitary paper products from Antioch and Fullerton to various California points so that such rates would not apply to follow-lot or stop-in-transit shipments.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant states that the rates for the transportation of these light loading commodities are marginal at best and, in many instances, the revenue fails to cover the variable cost for a direct single car shipment (one without follow-lot or stops in transit). In instances where follow-lot shipments are made, applicant declares that the trailer car needs only be loaded to 10,000 pounds and the total charges for the entire shipment would be based on 30,000 pounds for the lead car plus 10,000 pounds for the trailer car for a total of 40,000 pounds or the equivalent of two carloads charged at 20,000 pounds each. Under the proposal, the charges for each car would be based on a minimum weight of 30,000 pounds. Applicant avers that

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<sup>1</sup> The rates are named in Items 422, 422.5, 422.6, 437.9, 438 and 439 of PSFB Freight Tariff 274. The proposed changes are set forth in detail in Exhibit A attached to the application.

the deficit is further aggravated when the carriers perform stop-in-transit service inasmuch as the switching costs involved in accomplishing the stop-offs exceed the stop-off charges for such services.

According to applicant, the proposals were publicized under PSFB Proposals 1156 and 1649 in the Weekly Traffic Bulletins of July 29 and December 16, 1973, respectively; copies of the proposals were sent to approximately 265 shippers; and no objections to said proposals were recorded.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposals herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenues of any of the involved carriers by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 13, 1974. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

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

IT IS ORDERED that:

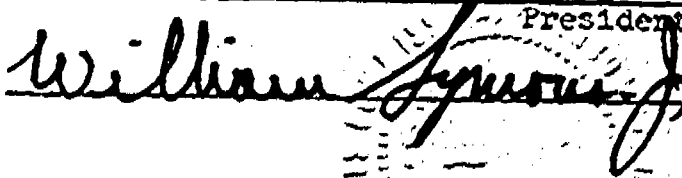
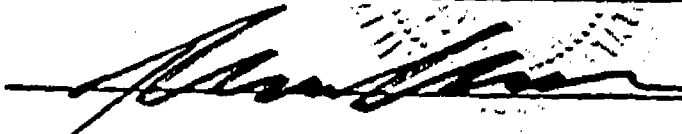

1. Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau, on behalf of the carriers participating in Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau Freight Tariff 274, is hereby authorized to publish in said tariff revised provisions governing the rates on sanitary paper products, as specifically proposed in the application.

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.

This order shall become effective May 28, 1974.

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

  
President  
  
  
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.