

ORIGINALDecision No. 82853

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application Under the Shortened)	Shortened Procedure
Procedure Tariff Docket to amend)	Tariff Docket
storage rules in Tariff 4-J of)	Application No. 54663
Agent B. B. Maurer)	(Filed February 15, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, B. B. Maurer, Agent, seeks authority, on behalf of the railroads operating in California,¹ to amend the storage rules in his Freight Tariff 4-J on California intrastate traffic by providing for the assessment of a storage charge of \$5.00 per car per day on empty railroad-owned equipment assigned to the exclusive use of a particular shipper and held at the point of assignment awaiting placement.²

Applicant states that amendments of the storage rules in question have been authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission for application on interstate traffic including such traffic from, to and within California since October 1, 1973. Applicant alleges that the carriers and the Interstate Commerce Commission have been encouraged by the effectiveness of these amendments and contends that prudent interstate shippers have released from assignment those cars which were not absolutely necessary for their shipments.

Applicant avers that his proposal would exert a reasonable amount of influence on the practices of intrastate shippers in handling and utilizing railroad-owned freight cars which have been assigned to their exclusive use. Applicant

¹The railroads are listed in Exhibit A attached to the application.

²The proposed provisions are set forth in detail in Exhibit B attached to the application.

declares that the proposed storage charge would apply only on those occasions when the assigned rail cars are empty and idle at the point of assignment. Applicant states that the proposed tariff amendments would promote better freight car utilization and uniformity in the application of the interstate and intrastate storage provisions for the involved transportation services.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal 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 19, 1974. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases resulting from amendments of the storage rules, as proposed, are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

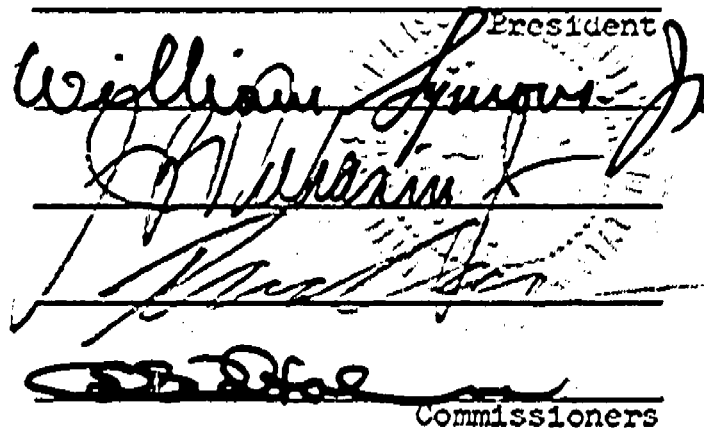
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. B. B. Maurer, Agent, on behalf of the carriers listed in Exhibit A of the instant application, is hereby authorized to publish in his Freight Tariff 4-J amended storage rules as specifically proposed in said 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 15th day of May, 1974.

The block contains four handwritten signatures, each on a horizontal line. The top signature is for the President, followed by three signatures for Commissioners. A circular notary seal is partially visible behind the signatures.
President
Commissioners

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