

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 83085

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of WERMUTH CAL VAN STORAGE )  
CO., INC., a California corporation, )  
For Authority to Depart from the )  
Provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff )  
No. 2 in the Transportation of )  
Equipment and Telephones for Pacific )  
Telephone & Telegraph Company and )  
Western Electric Company within the )  
County of Monterey. )

Application No. 54802  
(Filed April 12, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

Wermuth Cal Van Storage Co., Inc., a corporation, holds radial highway common carrier, highway contract carrier, and household goods carrier permits. It seeks authority to assess rates and charges in cents per hour or per piece as set forth in Items 330 and 340 of Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B (MRT 4-B) in lieu of the minimum rates otherwise applicable in connection with the transportation of property for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Western Electric Company between points within Monterey County. It also requests that the 50-mile limitation set forth in Items 330 and 340 in MRT 4-B not apply.

Applicant states that rates predicated on a hundredweight basis do not afford adequate remuneration for the labor performed and the services rendered inasmuch as the shippers generally require that the property be delivered at a precise time and a trip must be made with only the subject property on the truck. Applicant avers

that it is then required to unload the property at destination, move it into position within the building, uncrate it, if necessary, and remove the packing materials. Applicant alleges that many small shipments are involved and that much time is lost in traveling from origin to scales in order to obtain a certified weight.

Applicant further alleges that the rates and charges set forth in Items 330 and 340 of MRT 4-B are compensatory and result in a fair and reasonable profit for the services rendered.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was mailed to the California Trucking Association on April 11, 1974. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 15, 1974. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

It appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rates are reasonable for the transportation in question. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted. However, because the conditions involved herein may change at any time, the authority will be made to expire at the end of one year.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Wermuth Cal Van Storage Co., Inc., a corporation, is authorized to assess rates and charges set forth in Items Nos. 330 and 340 of Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B in lieu of the minimum rates otherwise applicable in connection with the transportation of property for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Western Electric Company between points within Monterey County regardless of distance.

2. The authority granted herein shall expire one year after the effective date hereof unless sooner canceled, modified, or extended by order of the Commission.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of JULY, 1974.

William L. Sklar  
President  
William J. Sklar  
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Commissioners

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