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Decision No. 83168

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of The SACRAMENTO )  
NORTHERN RAILWAY under the )  
Shortened Procedure Tariff )  
Docket for authority to cancel )  
Provisions for Loading of Rice )  
and Rice Products at West )  
Sacramento, California, as pub- )  
lished in Item 590, Sacramento )  
Northern Terminal Tariff 5-C as )  
shown in Exhibit "A" hereof. )

Shortened Procedure  
Tariff Docket  
Application No. 54860  
(Filed May 8, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Sacramento Northern Railway (SN) seeks authority to cancel the provisions in one of its tariffs concerning the loading of carload shipments of rice and rice products in packages at West Sacramento.<sup>1</sup> Under these provisions, SN will load such shipments or allow the shipper or owner not to exceed 40 cents per ton when the loading service is performed by said parties.

Applicant states that the California rail carriers are presently revising their rate tariffs in an effort to reflect current transportation conditions. As a result thereof, applicant declares that action to cancel the aforementioned loading provisions was approved by members of the Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau in Proposal 2927. Applicant alleges that the loading provisions were established when bagged rice was manually loaded into freight cars. Since the development of covered hopper equipment, applicant avers that these loading provisions have been utilized only occasionally and no competitive necessity exists today which

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<sup>1</sup>The loading provisions, which are described in Item 590 of SN Terminal Tariff 5-C, are set forth in detail in Exhibit A attached to the application.

justifies the continued publication of said tariff provisions.

Applicant states that it notified Farmers Rice Cooperative and Rice Growers Association of California, the only two rice operators at West Sacramento, on November 6, 1973, concerning its intent to cancel these tariff provisions. Applicant alleges that Proposal 2927 covering the matter in question was published in the November 3, 1973, issue of "Traffic Bulletin," a national traffic publication, and approximately 50 copies of the proposal were mailed to interested shippers. No objection has been received from the two rice operators nor the other interested shippers.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 9, 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. Sacramento Northern Railway is hereby authorized to cancel Item 590 of its Terminal Tariff 5-C, 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.

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

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 1974.

Vernon L. Stevenson  
President  
William S. Lyons, Jr.  
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Commissioners