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Decision No. 83182

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application 7915 of Pacific)
Southcoast Freight Bureau under)
the Shortened Procedure Tariff)
Docket for authority to establish)
rates on Synthetic plastic)
bottles as outlined in Exhibit)
"A" hereof to PSFB Tariff 300-A)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 54893
(Filed May 20, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau (PSFB) seeks authority, on behalf of the rail carriers participating in PSFB Tariff 300-A, to establish new temporary rates on synthetic plastic bottles between various Los Angeles Basin Territory points and various points in northern California and to cancel the current rates for such transportation concurrently with the establishment of said new rates.¹

Applicant states that PSFB Proposal 3033 publicized in the November 24, 1973, Traffic Bulletin the intent of the rail carriers to cancel the rates on synthetic plastic bottles between the points in question on the grounds that these rates were not being used for rail service and did not produce earnings adequate to cover the cost of performing service. Applicant alleges that certain shippers responded to the proposal by indicating that there is a possible rail movement between the involved points and, as a result thereof, the rail carriers declined PSFB Proposal 3033.

Applicant avers that it subsequently issued PSFB Proposal 3582 and publicized said proposal in the March 2, 1974, Traffic Bulletin. According to applicant, the latter proposal suggested cancellation of the present rates for the aforementioned

¹The proposed rates are set forth in detail in Exhibit "A" attached to the application. The rates herein proposed to be canceled are named in Item 8100 of PSFB Tariff 300-A.

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transportation and, concurrently with such cancellation, the establishment of higher rates between points in the same general area. Applicant contends that the proposed rates would produce earnings which would adequately cover the cost of performing the service.

Applicant declares that PSFB Proposal 3582 was approved at the April meeting of its Freight Traffic Committee and amended so that the rates would apply between additional points of origin and destination and expire one year after the establishment of such rates. Applicant states that the expiration date governing the proposed rates would permit the rail carriers to eliminate an unnecessary tariff item in the event that a rail movement does not materialize during the specified time period.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 21, 1974. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases which will result from applicant's proposal 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 its Freight Tariff 300-A, is authorized to publish revised rates on synthetic plastic bottles, as specifically proposed in the application.

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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 the fifth day 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 twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of July, 1974

Samuel L. Stein
President
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Commissioners