

Decision No. 83233**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
 of BEVAN-PEARSON MOVING & STORAGE,
 INC., for authority to depart from
 the minimum rates, rules and
 regulations of Minimum Rate Tariff
 No. 2, pursuant to the provisions
 of Section 3666 of the Public
 Utilities Code, for transportation
 for Western Electric Company and
 The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph
 Company.

Application No. 54941
 (Filed June 6, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

Bevan-Pearson Moving & Storage, Inc. operates as a radial highway common carrier and as a household goods carrier. By this application it seeks authority to quote and assess rates and charges in the same units of measurement and no lower than the minimum hourly rates and charges set forth in Items 330 and 350 of Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B (MRT 4-B) in lieu of the minimum rates in cents per 100 specified in the otherwise governing provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff 2 (MRT 2) for the transportation of property of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Western Electric Company between points in the counties of Alameda, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, San Francisco, Solano, and Sonoma.

Applicant states that it warehouses and transports electronic and telephonic equipment and related parts and accessories under contract to the aforesaid shippers. Applicant has been assessing charges based on the hourly rates in MRT 4-B in performing a household goods type of service. The transportation service provided to the shippers consists of moving shipments varying in weight from one pound to 20,000 pounds between various warehouses and places where equipment has been or will be installed.

Applicant utilizes a vehicle with driver and from one to three helpers for the services of packing, crating and uncrating, carrying to and from buildings, up and down stairs, and placing the equipment in position as directed. Charges for the above services are assessed on a terminal-to-terminal basis from the time the men and equipment are dispatched from the terminal to the time they return to the same terminal.

It is explained that charges based on the weight of the shipment cannot be assessed as such charges for some very light shipments would be noncompensatory for the services rendered. It is frequently impractical to weigh certain shipments. Applicant asserts that the rates in MRT 4-B are more appropriate for this service and the shippers prescribe in their contracts that household goods rates shall be assessed.

Data submitted by applicant indicate that the freight charges for the transportation involved under the MRT 4-B hourly rates exceed those otherwise applicable under the governing provisions of MRT 2.

Copy of the application was mailed to California Trucking Association on June 5, 1974. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 10, 1974. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed departure from the unit-of-measurement provisions of MRT 2 is reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Bevan-Pearson Moving & Storage, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to quote and assess rates and charges in the units of measurement set forth in Items 330 and 350 of Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B and no lower than the rates and charges named in those items, in lieu of the minimum rates per 100 pounds specified in Minimum Rate Tariff 2, in connection with the transportation of property for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Western Electric Company between points in the counties of Alameda, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, San Francisco, Solano, and Sonoma.

2. The authority herein granted shall expire with August 31, 1975 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 6th
day of AUGUST, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William L. Sturgeon
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Commissioners

Commissioner D. W. Helmes, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.