

ORIGINALDecision No. 83234

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC STORAGE
COMPANY, 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 and Telegraph
Company and Western Electric
Company within the County of San
Joaquin and adjacent counties.

Application No. 54724
(Filed March 13, 1974;
amended April 17, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

Pacific Storage Company, a corporation, holds a highway contract carrier permit. 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 The Western Electric Company (Western Electric) between points and places in San Joaquin County and adjacent counties. By letter dated June 14, 1974 applicant specified the adjacent counties as Sacramento, Calaveras, Alpine, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus. Said letter is hereby received as Exhibit 1.

The application states that applicant seeks to apply the minimum hourly rates applicable to the movement of household goods, as set forth in MRT 4-B because applicant feels that the applicable minimum rates in cents per 100 pounds and related accessorial charges, as set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff 2 (MRT 2), are not compensatory for the type of service rendered by it to Western Electric. Applicant also desires to assess hourly rates because this is the basis of rates specified for the majority of the intercity transportation performed

for Western Electric in a contract entered into by applicant and Western Electric. Said contract bears an expiration date of October 31, 1975.

Applicant contends that the only reasonable basis for computation of freight charges on service for Western Electric is an hourly rate, in view of the expedited service accorded to the shipper and the numerous accessorial services required to be performed. The rates proposed by applicant do not vary with the size of the equipment unit furnished, but do vary with the number of men furnished. The services performed require various sizes of vehicles and one to three helpers, depending upon the size and type of equipment transported and accessorial services rendered.

The amendment to the application filed April 17, 1974 contains a comparison of rates pursuant to MRT 2 and MRT 4-B for eleven recent transactions for Western Electric. The comparison discloses that in each instance applicant received more revenue from the application of MRT 4-B rates than it would have received from the application of MRT 2 rates.

The application and amendment thereto were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendars of March 15, 1974 and April 19, 1974, respectively. 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 on October 31, 1975.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pacific Storage Company, 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 The Western Electric Company between points within the counties of San Joaquin, Sacramento, Calaveras, Alpine, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus.

2. The authority granted herein shall expire October 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.

Thomas L. Stinson
President
William J. Helms
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Commissioners

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