

ORIGINALDecision No. 83994**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of
ERICKSON VAN & 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. 55219
(Filed September 30, 1974)

O P I N I O N

Erickson Van & Storage, Inc. holds radial highway common carrier and household goods carrier permits. It seeks authority to assess the transportation and accessorial service rates and charges in cents per hour as set forth in Items 330 and 350 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 (PT&T) and The Western Electric Company (Western Electric) between points and places in Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda, Santa Cruz, Contra Costa, Monterey, and San Francisco Counties.

The application states as follows: Pursuant to a contract with Western Electric and PT&T, applicant warehouses and transports telephonic equipment and supplies and related parts and accessories for these companies. The shipments vary in weight from very light to 20,000 pounds. The majority of the shipments move between points in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, but applicant has been required, when emergencies arise, to haul this freight to and from the other counties listed above. In providing this service, applicant utilizes a vehicle with a driver and one to three helpers.

As many as seven helpers have been employed for the larger installations. In addition to the transportation, applicant is required to pack or crate and uncrate the equipment and related items, carry them to and from buildings, up and down stairs and in elevators, and place equipment in positions as may be directed by the shippers and their customers. Under the proposed rates, charges for this service would be calculated from the time men and equipment are dispatched from the applicant's terminal until they return to the terminal after the work has been completed. This service is the type usually provided by household goods carriers, and the shippers prefer charges based on the hourly rates in MRT 4-B. The applicable minimum rates in cents per 100 pounds, as set forth in Minimum Rate Tariff 2 (MRT 2), are not compensatory for the type of service in issue. Other carriers have been granted similar authority to that sought herein.

Exhibit A to the application contains a comparison of the charges that were assessed pursuant to MRT 2 and the proposed MRT 4-B charges for services performed for the two shippers during July and August 1974. The comparison discloses that applicant would have received more revenue from the application of MRT 4-B rates than it received from the application of MRT 2 rates.

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

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 February 1, 1976.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Erickson Van & Storage, Inc. is authorized to assess rates and charges set forth in Items 330 and 350 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 Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda, Santa Cruz, Contra Costa, Monterey, and San Francisco.

2. The authority granted herein shall expire February 1, 1976 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 21st
day of JANUARY, 1975.

Vernon L. Steenson
President
William J. Lyons
[Signature]

Commissioners