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Decision No. 84249

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of John T. Reed,)
President of Pacific Coast Tariff)
Bureau, for and on behalf of)
American Transfer Company, by)
virtue of Power of Attorney to)
said Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau,)
under Shortened Procedure Tariff)
Docket, to amend Item 826 of)
Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau)
Tariff No. 16, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1)
(Express) and No. 19 (Freight),)
issued in the series of C. R.)
Nickerson, Agent, to publish)
increased rates and charges)
covering the transportation of)
Fertilizers, as described in)
Items 535, 540 and 550 of Pacific)
Coast Tariff Bureau Exception)
Sheet No. 1 Cal. P.U.C. No. 4 of)
C. R. Nickerson, Agent, and)
Fungicides and Insecticides,)
Agricultural, in packages, to the)
extent outlined in Exhibit "B")
attached to and by reference)
thereto, made a part of this)
application.)

-AND-

For authority to depart from the)
terms of Sections 454 and 491 of)
the Public Utilities Code when)
accomplishing proposed publica-)
tion.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 55478
(Filed February 4, 1975)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau (PCTB) seeks authority, on behalf of American Transfer Company (American), to increase American's truckload distance rates for the transportation of Fertilizers, Fungicides and Insecticides by approximately 55 percent.¹

Applicant states that distance rates for the transportation of the aforementioned commodities were originally established for the account of American on May 14, 1971, and these rates have not been increased or changed since that date. Applicant avers that the transportation in question is exempt from the application of the Commission's minimum rates and the rates on nonexempt commodities have been increased approximately 20 percent since the aforementioned date. Applicant declares that the proposed increases are required to enable American to offset the increased operating expenses it has experienced since May of 1971 in performing the above transportation service.

Applicant alleges that Valley Nitrogen Producers, Inc., Fresno, FMC Corporation, Fresno, and Reserve Oil and Gas Company, Hanford, the volume shippers involved, have been contacted concerning the proposed increase in rates and such parties do not object to the proposal.

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

¹ The distance rates are set forth in Item 826 of PCTB Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 16, Cal. P.U.C. Nos. 1 (Express) and 19 (Freight) and in Exhibit "A" attached to the application. The proposed rates as set forth in Exhibit "B", attached to said application, are approximately forty-five percent less than those which would apply under the provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff 2 if that tariff were to govern such transportation.

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The certificate of service indicates that copies of the application were mailed to California Trucking Association, FMC Corporation, Reserve Oil and Gas Company and Valley Nitrogen Producers, Inc. on January 30, 1975. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 5, 1975. 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. Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau is hereby authorized, on behalf of American Transfer Company, to publish rates in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 16, Cal.P.U.C. Nos. 1 (Express) and 19 (Freight), 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.

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

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This order shall become effective April 7, 1975.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of
March, 1975.

Vernon L. Stenger
President
William Aguirre Jr.
[Signature]
Leonard Ross
Commissioners