

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 84434

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application 8125 of PACIFIC)
SOUTHCOST FREIGHT BUREAU, Agent,)
under the Shortened Procedure)
Tariff Docket for authority to)
increase present rates and cancel)
others in various Items as out-)
lined in Exhibit "A" hereof to)
PSFB Tariff 166-I.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 55505
(Filed February 21, 1975)

And Related Matters

Cases Nos. 5437 and 9820

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Southcoast Tariff Bureau seeks authority on behalf of Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPTC) to increase the rates on rock, sand and gravel from Radum, Pleasanton, East Pleasanton and Logan to San Francisco Peninsula and San Jose area points.

Applicant states that these rates have traditionally been carried in the tariffs on an extremely depressed level because of the basic low grade nature of the material itself. Applicant proposes that the rates in question be increased by minor amounts so that a token profit return for each haul will result. Applicant avers that SPTC has met with the rock, sand and gravel aggregate shippers and receivers and explained to them the need for such increases. Applicant alleges that SPTC and such shippers and receivers have mutually agreed to the proposal involved herein.

Applicant declares that the proposal was duly publicized in the January 18, 1975 issue of the Traffic Bulletin. Applicant contends that copies of the proposal were mailed to approximately 105 interested shippers and no objections to the proposed increases were received.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of February 24, 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 would approximate \$40,000 per year and such increases 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 is hereby authorized, on behalf of Southern Pacific Transportation Company to publish the increased rates 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.
3. Common carriers maintaining, under outstanding authorizations permitting the alternative use of rail rates, charges below the specific minimum rate levels otherwise applicable for the

transportation involved herein, are hereby authorized and directed to increase such charges, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, to the levels of the rail charges established pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 1 hereof, or to the levels of the specific minimum rates, whichever are lower. To the extent such common carriers have maintained such charges at differentials above previously existing rail charges, they are authorized to increase such charges by amounts authorized in paragraph 1 hereof; provided, however, that such increased charges may not be lower than the charges established by the rail lines pursuant to the authority granted in paragraph 1 hereof nor higher than the otherwise applicable minimum rates. Such adjustments shall be made effective not earlier than the effectiveness of the increased rail charges and not later than thirty days after the effectiveness of said increased rail charges.

4. Common carriers, in establishing and maintaining the charges authorized hereinabove, are hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations; such outstanding authorizations are hereby modified only to the extent necessary to comply with this order; and schedules containing the charges published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

5. 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 twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of May, 1975.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William J. ...
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Robert ...
Commissioners