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Decision No. 84588

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of National Motor Freight Traffic )  
Association, Inc., Agent, for and )  
on behalf of certain highway )  
common carriers and express cor- )  
porations, for authority to make )  
various revisions in National )  
Motor Freight Classification )  
NMF 100-B. )

In the Matter of the Investiga- )  
tion into the rates, rules, reg- )  
ulations, charges, allowances )  
and practices of all common car- )  
riers, highway carriers and city )  
carriers relating to the trans- )  
portation of any and all commod- )  
ities between and within all )  
points and places in the State )  
of California (including, but )  
not limited to, transportation )  
for which rates are provided in )  
Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2). )

And Related Matters

Applications Nos. 55632  
and 55695  
(Filed April 16 and May 19,  
1975, respectively)

Case No. 5432  
(Petitions for Modification  
Nos. 851 and 857)  
(Filed April 16 and May 19,  
1975, respectively)

Case No. 5436, Petitions Nos.  
191 and 192  
Case No. 5439, Petitions Nos.  
248 and 252  
Case No. 5441, Petitions Nos.  
337 and 340  
Case No. 5603, Petitions Nos.  
173 and 175  
Case No. 7783, Petitions Nos.  
120 and 121  
Case No. 7857, Petitions Nos.  
124 and 126  
Case No. 7858, Petitions Nos.  
194 and 195

(Filed April 16 and May 19,  
1975, respectively)

OPINION AND ORDER

Various common carriers engaged in intrastate transportation within California participate in National Motor Freight Classification NMF 100 B, hereinafter referred to as the Governing Classification, for class ratings and other provisions. Also, certain Commission minimum rate tariffs are subject to the class ratings and/or other provisions of such classification.

By Applications Nos. 55632 and 55695, National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc., Agent, seeks authority, on behalf of such common carriers, to publish specific revisions in the Governing Classification.<sup>1</sup> By the above petitions, California Trucking Association seeks to make the proposed ratings and provisions applicable to certain Commission minimum rate tariffs.<sup>2</sup> Petitioner requests that all common carriers be directed to establish in their respective tariffs such modifications as may be prescribed by the Commission's order in these proceedings, including relief from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code.

Applicant and petitioner, hereinafter referred to as applicants, state that the Governing Classification is periodically revised to meet the changing needs of commerce. Applicants allege that these revisions include: (1) changes for clarification purposes; (2) cancellation of obsolete provisions; (3) establishment of specific ratings for newly designed or manufactured articles;

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<sup>1</sup>The proposed changes, which are provided in Supplements 6 and 7 to the Governing Classification, are set forth in Exhibits A and related justifications are set forth in Exhibits B which are attached to the applications involved in these proceedings.

<sup>2</sup>The tariffs are Minimum Rate Tariffs 1-B (East Bay Drayage), 2 (General Commodities Statewide), 9-B (San Diego Drayage), 11-A (Uncrated New Furniture Statewide) 14-A (Agricultural Commodities Statewide) and 19 (San Francisco Drayage).

and (4) amendments reflecting the transportation characteristics of certain commodities. Applicants aver that the sought revisions have been authorized by the National Classification Board, after due process, for tariffs covering areas other than California and that such revisions, if authorized, would permit maintenance of uniformity of classification provisions in California with those in the rest of the nation.

Copies of the application and petitions were mailed to various chambers of commerce, shipper organizations, carrier representatives and other interested parties on or about April 15 or May 16, 1975. The applications and petitions were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 18 or May 23, 1975. No objection to the granting of the applications and petitions has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that applicant's and petitioner's proposals are reasonable and justified subject to the conditions hereinafter ordered. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the applications and petitions should be granted to the extent indicated in the ensuing order.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc., Agent, on behalf of the involved common carriers participating in National Motor Freight Classification NMF 100 B, is authorized to establish and publish the classification ratings and provisions set forth in Applications Nos. 55632 and 55695 to become effective not earlier than July 15, 1975, on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public, subject to the conditions specified in Ordering Paragraph 6 hereof.
2. Except as otherwise provided in Ordering Paragraph 6 hereof, the classification ratings and provisions authorized herein

are approved and adopted as the just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory ratings and provisions to govern the minimum rates and rules promulgated by the Commission in Minimum Rate Tariffs 1-B, 2, 9-B, 11-A, 14-A and 19.

3. Tariff publications required to be made by common carriers as a result of Ordering Paragraph 2 hereof shall be made effective July 15, 1975, on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public and tariff publications which are authorized but not required to be made by common carriers as a result of Ordering Paragraph 2 hereof may be made effective not earlier than July 15, 1975, and may be made effective on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public if filed not later than September 15, 1975.

4. The classification ratings and provisions authorized to be established by Ordering Paragraph 2 hereof are authorized to be made applicable also for the transportation of:

- (a) Commodities for which minimum rates have not been established, or
- (b) Commodities which are subject to higher rates than, or more restrictive provisions than, the minimum rates or provisions otherwise applicable, or
- (c) Commodities for which rates have been established based upon Minimum Rate Tariffs 1-B, 2, 9-B, 11-A, 14-A and 19.

5. Any provisions currently maintained in common carrier tariffs, which are more restrictive than, or which produce charges greater than, those contained in Minimum Rate Tariffs 1-B, 2, 9-B, 11-A, 14-A and 19 are authorized to be maintained in connection with the ratings and provisions authorized and directed to be established herein.

6. Except as provided in Ordering Paragraph 5 hereof, common

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carriers are not authorized to publish ratings and provisions which are different from, and are superseded by present exceptions contained in Exception Ratings Tariff 1 and Minimum Rate Tariffs 1-B, 2, 9-B, 11-A, 14-A and 19.

7. Common carriers, in establishing and maintaining the ratings and provisions 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 ratings and provisions published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of June, 1975.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Donald Ross

Paul H. Buhner  
Commissioners