

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 84757

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Shulman Air Freight, Inc. }  
to increase rates and charges.

Application No. 55549  
(Filed March 10, 1975)

O P I N I O N

Shulman Air Freight, Inc. operates as a freight forwarder between various California points. By this application, authority is requested to adjust its rates to compensate for the increases in purchased transportation costs. According to the application the major airlines have increased their rates four times in the past 1-1/2 years, resulting in a 40 percent increase in applicant's costs. Applicant has not adjusted its rates since its intrastate operations were commenced on November 9, 1973.

The rates applicable to shipments of one pound or less are proposed to be decreased by 37 percent. Shipments in all other weight groups are to be increased an average of 38 percent. Applicant estimates the overall effect on California gross revenue will be an increase of 32 percent.

According to the gross operating revenue reports filed by applicant, \$63,599 was earned during the calendar year 1975 by applicant. On that basis the proposed rate adjustment should increase the California intrastate revenue by approximately \$20,300.

Applicant informed its California intrastate patrons of the proposed rate increase by a letter dated May 29, 1975. No objection to the requested rate relief and no request for public hearing have been received.

After consideration the Commission finds that the requested rate adjustments are justified and concludes that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Shulman Air Freight, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application No. 55549. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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

3. The authority granted by this order is subject to the express condition that applicant will never urge before this Commission in any proceeding under Section 734 of the Public Utilities Code, or in any other proceeding, that this opinion and order constitute a finding of fact of the reasonableness of any particular rate or charge. The filing of rates and charges pursuant to this order will be construed as a consent to this condition.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th  
day of AUGUST, 1975.

William J. Synovitz President  
Verdon L. Stanger  
U. Ross  
Robert F. ... Commissioners

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