

ORIGINALDecision No. 84826

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of MARROB ENTERPRISES, INC., dba MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE OF SAN FRANCISCO under Public Utilities Code Sec. 3666 for authority a) to charge less than the minimum charges required by Minimum Rate Tariffs Nos. 2 and 19 for transportation of postage meters to and from U.S. Post Offices for postage refills; and b) to deviate from Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 for transportation of mail between Brisbane, California and U.S. Post Offices in said City and/or the City and County of San Francisco.

Application No. 55718
(Filed June 3, 1975)

O P I N I O N

Applicant Marrob Enterprises, Inc., doing business as Mail Delivery Service of San Francisco, a highway contract carrier, seeks (1) authority to assess less than the minimum rates named in Minimum Rate Tariffs 2 and 19 (MRT 2, MRT 19) for the transportation of postage meters and, (2) to deviate from the minimum rates for the transportation of mail between patrons located in Brisbane and United States Post Offices located in Brisbane or San Francisco.

Applicant provides a delivery service to its patrons which consists of early pickup of mail-bound property and mail delivery service. Each morning at the United States Post Office applicant's personnel pick up and load mail addressed to its patrons and deliver such mail to respective addressees early in the business day; each evening following close of business applicant reverses the procedure and loads patrons' letters and other mail-bound material onto applicant's trucks. Such items are then transported by applicant to a United States Post Office, usually the Rincon Annex in San Francisco. At such time, as an incidental service, it is applicant's

practice to pick up empty postage meters which patrons leave with their outbound mail accompanied by their checks payable to the United States Postal Service for the purchase of postage with which to refill their meters. Such pickups and returns are accomplished along with applicant's mail delivery and pickup service. A charge of \$1.50 is proposed for each pickup and return of each postage meter.

Applicant points out that minimum rates have not been established for the transportation of mail from or to a United States Post Office in MRT 19, while MRT 2 names minimum rates for the same transportation service. Such service, when performed between Brisbane and San Francisco is subject to the rates, rules, and regulations provided in MRT 2. Applicant asserts that the prescribed minimum rates were not specifically designed and are not appropriately applicable to the transportation of mail. Decision No. 51134 dated February 23, 1955 was cited wherein mailable material was exempted from MRT 2 within an area 25 constructive miles of downtown Los Angeles. (Desmond Mail Service (1954) 54 CPUC 53.)

This application was noticed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 4, 1975. No protests or requests for public hearing have been received.

Findings

1. Applicant conducts a highly specialized service in connection with the transportation of mailable material from and to United States Post Offices, for which the rates in MRT 2 are not appropriate.

2. The transportation of postage meters from and to United States Post Offices by applicant constitutes a special service for which there is little added cost when performed in connection with regular pickup and delivery of mail.

3. The proposed charge of \$1.50 for the pickup and delivery of a postage meter is reasonable and justified.

We conclude that the application should be granted.

Since conditions under which the service is performed may change at any time, the authority granted in the ensuing order will expire at the end of one year unless sooner canceled, modified, or extended by order of the Commission.

O R D E R


IT IS ORDERED that:

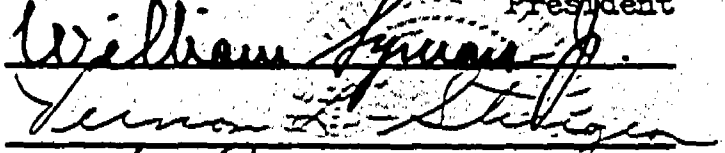
1. Marrob Enterprises, Inc., dba Mail Delivery Service of San Francisco is authorized to depart from the minimum rates set forth in Minimum Rate Tariffs 2 and 19 by charging those rates set forth in Appendix A of this decision. This authority does not include any deviation from any rates, rules, or regulations except as specifically set forth in Appendix A.

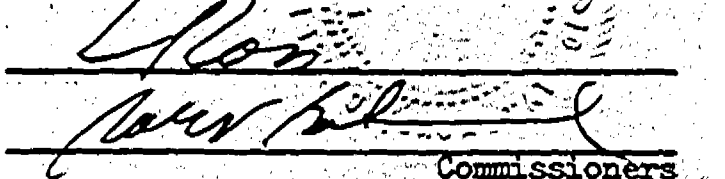
2. The authority granted shall expire one year after the effective date of this order unless sooner canceled, modified, or extended by order of the Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th
day of AUGUST, 1975.



President




Commissioners

APPENDIX A

1. Postage Meters.

A charge of \$1.50 shall be assessed for each pickup and delivery of postage meters when such pickup is made at the same time and in connection with pickup of mailable material.

2. Mail from or to Brisbane.

The rates, rules, and regulations named in Minimum Rate Tariff 2, applicable to property destined to a United States Post Office for mailing and mail from a United States Post Office, shall not apply when such property is transported between Brisbane, on the one hand, and United States Post Offices located in San Francisco, on the other hand.