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Decision No. 85062

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application 8220 of PACIFIC SOUTH-)
COAST FREIGHT BUREAU, Agent, under)
the Shortened Procedure Tariff)
Docket for authority to increase)
present rates on Iron or Steel)
Barrels, Drums, Pails and Buckets)
and cancel others in Items 3087)
and 3525 of PSFB Tariff 272-C, as)
outlined herein.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 55792
(Filed July 7, 1975)

And Related Matter)

Case No. 5432

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau (PSFB), on behalf of the rail carriers participating in PSFB Freight Tariff 272-C (Tariff 272-C), seeks authority to cancel all rates on iron or steel barrels, drums, pails and buckets presently in effect in Items 3087 and 3525 of Tariff 272-C and, in lieu thereof, to publish increased rates on said commodities.¹

Applicant states that the rail carriers contacted the various shippers and informed them that the economics attendant to the rates in question clearly indicated that the carriers could not continue to transport the aforementioned commodities under said rates. Applicant avers that the carriers worked closely with Kaiser Steel Corporation, Rheem Manufacturing Company and United States Steel Corporation, shippers of the involved commodities, in an endeavor to arrive at an equitable level of rates which would be mutually satisfactory.

Applicant alleges that the authority herein requested was processed under its normal docketing procedures as PSFB Proposal 4935, duly publicized in the Weekly Traffic Bulletin of November 9, 1974, and approved by its Freight Traffic Committee on May 6, 1975.

¹The proposed and present rates are respectively set forth in detail in Exhibits A and B attached to the application.

Applicant avers that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of any of the carriers involved herein by as much as one percent and anticipates that the yearly increase in revenue would amount to \$4,800.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 9, 1975. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases which will result from applicant's proposal 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, on behalf of the carriers participating in its Freight Tariff 272-C, is authorized to publish revised rates on iron or steel barrels, drums, pails and buckets as specifically proposed in the application.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the foregoing authority shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than the fifth day 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, rates below the specific minimum rate levels otherwise applicable are authorized and directed to increase such rates to the level of the rail rates established pursuant to the authority granted in paragraph 1 hereof or to the level of the otherwise applicable, specific minimum rates, whichever is lower. To the extent such common carriers have maintained such rates at differentials above previously existing rail rates, they are authorized to increase such rates by the authority granted in paragraph 1 hereof, provided, however, that such increased rates may not be lower than the rates established by the rail lines pursuant

to the authority granted in paragraph 1 hereof, nor higher than the otherwise applicable minimum rates.

4. Common carriers maintaining, under outstanding authorizations permitting the alternative use of rail rates, rates based on rail rates which have been changed or cancelled and which are below the specific minimum rate levels otherwise applicable are hereby directed to increase such rates to applicable minimum rate levels and to abstain from publishing or maintaining in their tariffs rates, charges, rules and accessorial charges lower in volume or effect than those established in rail tariffs or the applicable minimum rates, whichever are lower.

5. Tariff publications required or authorized to be made by common carriers as a result of paragraph 3 hereof may be made effective not earlier than the fifth day after the publication by applicant made pursuant to the authority granted in paragraph 1 hereof, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public; and such tariff publications as are required shall be made effective not later than thirty days after the effective date of the tariff publications made by applicant pursuant to the authority granted in said paragraph 1.

6. Tariff publications required to be made by common carriers, as a result of paragraph 4 hereof, shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public and shall be made effective not later than thirty days after the effective date of this order.

7. Applicant and common carriers, in establishing and maintaining the rates authorized hereinabove, are authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 461.5 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 rates published


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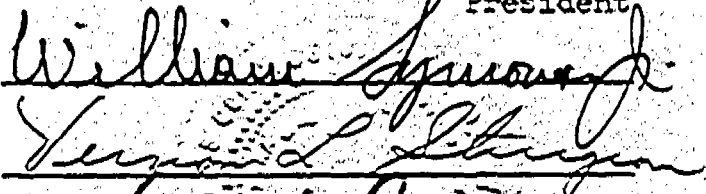
under the authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to the order.


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

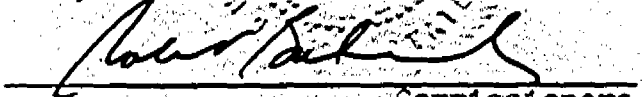
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of October, 1975.



President






Commissioners