Decision No. 85234

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation into)
the rates, rules, regulations, charges,)
allowances and practices of all house-)
hold goods carriers, common carriers,)
highway carriers and city carriers >
relating to the transportation of used household goods and related property. >

Case No. 5330

And Related Matters.

Cases Nos. 5603 and 8808

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Decision No. 85233 entered today in Case
No. 9811 extended the period of time from seven to fifteen days
during which carriers may extend credit in Minimum Rate Tariffs 4-B,
11-A, and 18 and found that amendment of the tariffs should be
accomplished by separate order.

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B (Appendix C of Decision No. 65521, as amended) is further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective February 1, 1976, Third Revised Page 20, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
- 2. Minimum Rate Tariff 11-A (Appendix A of Decision No. 50114, as amended) is further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective February 1, 1976, Third Revised Page 11, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

- 3. Minimum Rate Tariff 18 (Appendix B of Decision No. 72418, as amended) is further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective February 1, 1976, Third Revised Page 26, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
- 4. Common carriers subject to the Public Utilities Act, to the extent that they are subject also to Decisions Nos. 65521, 50114, and 72418, as amended, are authorized to establish in their tariffs the amendments necessary to conform with the further adjustments of said decisions ordered herein.
- 5. Any provisions currently maintained in common carrier tariffs which are more restrictive than those contained in Minimum Rate Tariffs 4-B, 11-A, and 18 are authorized to be maintained in connection with the changes authorized by Ordering Paragraph 4 hereof.
- 6. Tariff publications authorized to be made by common carriers 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 the fifth day after the effective date of this order, and may be made effective on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public if filed not later than sixty days after the effective date of the minimum rate tariff pages incorporated in this order.

- 7. Common carriers, in establishing and maintaining the changes authorized by this order, 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 changes published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.
- 8. In all other respects, Decisions Nos. 65521, 50114, and 72418, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

 The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

	Dated at	San Francisco	California,	this 16th
day o	f DECEMBER	, 1975.		

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COLLECTION OF CHARGES	
(a) Except as otherwise provided in Items 31, 31.1, 32, 33, 33.5 and 33.7 or in this rule, transportation and accessorial charges shall be collected by the carriers prior to relinquishing physical possession of shipments entrusted to them for transportation. Payment of transportation charges may be made by the use of a credit card, which shall be considered to be payment in cash for the purpose of this item.	, ,
ø (b) Upon taking precautions deemed by them to be sufficient to assure payment of charges within the credit period horein specified, carriers may relinquish possession of freight in advance of the payment of the charges thereon and may extend credit in the amount of such charges to those who undertake to pay them, such persons herein being called debtors, for a period of ôl5 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. When the freight bill covering a shipment is presented to the debtor on or before the date of delivery, the credit period shall run from the first 12 o'clock midnight following delivery of the freight. When the freight bill is not presented to the debtor on or before the date of delivery, the credit period shall run from the first 12 o'clock midnight following the presentation of the freight bill.	
(d) Freight bills for all transportation and accessorial charges shall be pre-	ø190
sented to the debtors within 7 calendar days from the first 12 o'clock midnight following delivery of the freight. (e) Debtors may elect to have their freight bills presented by means of the United States mail, and when the mail service is so used the time of mailing by the carrier, as evidenced by the postmark, shall be deemed to be the time of presentation	
of the freight bills.	
(f) The mailing by the debtor of valid checks, drafts, or money orders, which are satisfactory to the carrier, in payment of freight charges within the credit period allowed such debtor may be deemed to be the collection of the charges within the credit period for the purpose of these rules. In case of dispute as to the time of mailing, the postmark shall be accepted as showing such time.	
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SECTION 1--RULES (Continued)

COLLECTION OF CHARGES

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, transportation and accessorial charges shall be collected by the carriers prior to relinquishing physical possession of shipments entrusted to them for transportation.
- \$ (b) Upon taking precautions deemed by them to be sufficient to assure payment of charges within the credit period herein specified, carriers may relinquish possession of freight in advance of the payment of the charges thereon and may extend credit in the amount of such charges to those who undortake to pay them, such persons herein being called debtors, for a period of 615 days, excluding Sundays and legal holidays other than Saturday half-holidays. When the freight bill covering a shipment is presented to the debtor on or before the date of delivery, the credit period shall run from the first 12 o'clock midnight following delivery of the freight. When the freight bill is not presented to the debtor on or before the date of delivery, the credit period shall run from the first 12 o'clock midnight following the presentation of the freight bill.
- (c) Where a carrier has relinquished possession of freight and collected the amount of charges represented in a freight bill presented by it as the total amount of such charges, and another freight bill for additional charges is thereafter presented to the debtor, the carrier may extend gredit in the amount of such additional charges for a period of 30 calendar days to be computed from the first 12 o'clock midnight following the presentation of the subsequently presented freight bill.
- (d) Freight bills for all transportation and accessorial charges shall be presented to the debtors within 7 calendar days from the first 12 o'clock midnight following delivery of the freight.
- (e) Debtors may elect to have their freight bills presented by means of the United States mail, and when the mail service is so used the time of mailing by the carrier, as evidenced by the postmark, shall be deemed to be the time of presentation of the freight bills.
- (f) The mailing by the debtor of valid checks, drafts, or money orders, which are satisfactory to the carrier, in payment of freight charges within the credit period allowed such debtor may be deemed to be the collection of the charges within the credit period for the purpose of these rules. In case of dispute as to the time of mailing, the postmark shall be accepted as showing such time.

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- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, transportation and accessorial charges shall be collected by the carriers prior to relinquishing physical possession of shipments entrusted to them for transportation.
- ø (b) Upon taking precautions deemed by them to be sufficient to assure payment of charges within the credit period herein specified, carriers may relinquish possession of freight in advance of the payment of the charges thereon and may extend credit in the amount of such charges to those who undertake to pay them, such persons herein being called debtors, for a period of old days, excluding Sundays and legal holidays other than Saturday half-holidays. When the freight bill covering a shipment is presented to the debtor on or before the date of delivery, the credit period shall run from the first 12 o'clock midnight following delivery of the freight. When the freight bill is not presented to the debtor on or before the date of delivery, the credit period shall run from the first 12 o'clock midnight following the presentation of the freight bill.
- (c) Where a carrier has relinquished possession of freight and collected the amount of charges represented in a freight bill presented by it as the total amount of such charges, and another freight bill for additional charges is thereafter presented to the debtor, the carrier may extend credit in the amount of such additional charges for a period of 30 calendar days to be computed from the first 12 o'clock midnight following the presentation of the subsequently presented freight bill.

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- (f) The mailing by the debtor of valid checks, drafts, or money orders, which are satisfactory to the carrier, in payment of freight charges within the credit period allowed such debtor may be deemed to be the collection of the charges within the credit period for the purpose of these rules. In case of dispute as to the time of mailing, the postmark shall be accepted as showing such time.
 - (1) The provisions of this rule will not apply to transportation of property for the United States, state, county, or municipal governments.

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