Decision No. 85277

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ASTRO AIR EXPRESS, INC., a corporation, for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as a Freight forwarder of general commodities between points in the State of California.

Application No. 55452

## ORDER EXTENDING TIME AND MODIFYING DECISION NO. 84268

Applicant Astro Air Express, Inc. was granted authority to operate as a freight forwarder by Decision No. 84268 dated April 1, 1975. By Decision No. 84812 dated August 19, 1975 the time for compliance with the provisions of Ordering Paragraph 2 of Decision No. 84268 was extended to December 31, 1975.

By petition filed December 8, 1975, applicant seeks modification of the order authorizing the service by permitting rates and charges to be filed which are generally at a higher level than the rates and charges originally proposed.

Applicant's proposal to establish rates, rules, and regulations, "...which are generally competitive with Emery Air Freight Corporation..." was understood by applicant to indicate the form of tariff to be filed, not the rate levels. The rates proposed by applicant, by the petition for modification, range from 45 to 80 percent higher than the rates published by Emery Air Freight Corporation. The suggested rates are consistent with applicant's interstate operations and are appropriate for the type of service proposed to be initiated.

The Transportation Division recommends that the modification be authorized and that the time for establishing the service and filing of tariffs be extended to March 31, 1976.

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After consideration the Commission finds that the requested modification of Decision No. 84268 is reasonable and should be granted.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Astro Air Express, Inc. is authorized to file rates, rules, and regulations as set forth in Exhibit C to the petition for modification of Decision No. 84268 filed December 8, 1975.

2. The time limit for compliance with Ordering Paragraph 2(b), (c), and (d) of Decision No. 84268 shall be extended to March 31, 1976.

3. In all other respects, Decision No. 84268 shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof. Dated at <u>San Francisco</u>, California, this <u>30<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>DECEMBER</u>, 197<u>5</u>.

