

Decision No. 85478**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
 of BAY CITIES TRANSPORTATION CON-)
 PANY, a corporation, for an Order)
 authorizing increases in its)
 rates and charges for the trans-)
 portation of petroleum and petro-)
 leum products in bulk.)

Application 56145
 (Filed December 24, 1975)

OPINION AND ORDER

Bay Cities Transportation Company (Bay Cities), a corporation, operates as a common carrier by water. By this application, it seeks authority to increase its rates for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk by two percent.¹ Applicant also requests that any decision issued herein be made effective immediately because the involved costs are currently effective and are now adversely affecting the services of Bay Cities.

Applicant states that the rates in question were last increased on August 26, 1975, and it has experienced numerous cost increases including a substantial increase in its labor and labor related costs since that date.

Applicant seeks an increase in rates to obtain revenue sufficient to offset the increased labor and related costs that it has experienced since August 26, 1975. Applicant alleges that it does not seek to recover revenue sufficient to offset any other increased costs which have been experienced since the aforementioned date. Applicant anticipates that approximately \$60,000 in

¹ The current rates are set forth in Bay Cities Transportation Company (United River Lines Division) Local Freight Tariff No. 7-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 21.

additional yearly gross revenue would accrue to it under the proposed rates.

Exhibit I attached to the application contains revenue and expense data in support of the sought relief and indicates that the proposed increase would produce a net operating income of \$126,617 and an operating ratio of 95.87. The exhibit demonstrates that the requested relief is necessary if the carrier is to be able to continue to provide a viable public service for the movement of petroleum and petroleum products.

The certificate of service shows that copies of the application were mailed to all customers (56 persons or firms) served in the past two years. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 29, 1975. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that applicant's proposal is reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

In view of the urgency in this matter, the ensuing order will be made effective on the date hereof.

IT IS ORDERED that:


1. Bay Cities Transportation Company, a corporation, is hereby authorized to publish in its Local Freight Tariff 7-A, Cal.P.U.C. 21, increased rates for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk as specifically proposed in the application.

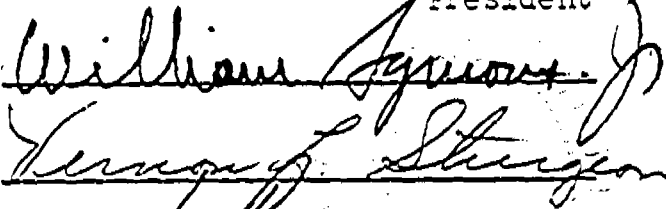
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days's notice to the Commission and to the public.


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


The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of February, 1976.



President






Commissioners