

Decision No. 85906

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of J. D. Sherson, Tariff Publish-)
ing Officer for approval of)
changes in classification)
provision.)

Application No. 56234
(Filed January 26, 1976)

In the Matter of the Investiga-)
tion for the purpose of consid-)
ering and determining minimum)
rates for transportation of any)
and all commodities statewide)
including, but not limited to)
those rates which are provided)
in Minimum Rate Tariff 2 and the)
revisions or reissues thereof.)

Case No. 5432

And Related Matters)

Cases Nos. 5439
and 5441

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, J. D. Sherson, Tariff Publishing Officer, on behalf of the rail carriers participating in Uniform Freight Classification 12, seeks to publish amendments to said classification by: (1) establishing minimum carload weights in multiples of 100 pounds in lieu of those which are provided in odd-numbered pounds; (2) establishing minimum charges of \$52.50 and \$78.75 for handling railway cars moved on own wheels in local and joint line hauls, respectively; and (3) updating and clarifying the specifications concerning the use of fibreboard boxes in connection with the transportation of household appliances.¹

Applicant alleges that railroad tare and gross weights are given in units of 100 pounds and minimum weights in multiples

¹The proposed classification changes are set forth in detail in the application.

of 100 pounds would be shorter and occupy less storage space in a computerized system. Applicant avers that the proposed classification amendments would place rail carriers in California on an equal basis with the rail carriers operating elsewhere in the country.

Copies of the application were mailed to various chambers of commerce, shipper organizations and carrier representatives on January 23, 1976. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 30, 1976. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that publication of the classification amendments, as proposed, is reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. J. D. Sherson, Tariff Publishing Officer, is authorized, on behalf of the carriers participating in Uniform Freight Classification 12, to publish amendments to said classification as specifically proposed in the application.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of Ordering Paragraph 1 hereof shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than five days 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 based on the classification ratings and rules involved herein and 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 Ordering

Paragraph 1 hereof or to the level of the otherwise specific minimum rates, whichever is lower.

4. Tariff publications required or authorized to be made by common carriers as a result of Ordering Paragraph 3 hereof may be made effective not earlier than the effective date of the publications made by applicant pursuant to the authority granted in Ordering Paragraph 1 hereof on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public; 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 the Ordering Paragraph 1 hereof.

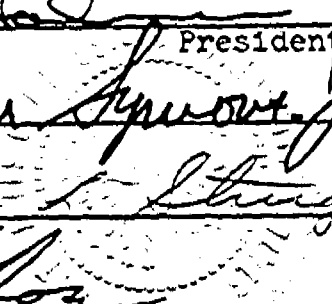
5. Common carriers, in establishing and maintaining rates based on the classification ratings and rules authorized herein, are hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 461.5 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained 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 under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

6. The authority granted in Ordering Paragraph 1 hereof shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of June, 1976.



President

William J. Knowlton

Vernon L. Sturgeon

Robert Bateman
Commissioners