

Decision No. 85966

ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Shulman Air)	
Freight, Inc. to Increase Rates)	Application No. 56314
and Charges For Transportation)	(Filed March 8, 1976)
Within the State of California.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Shulman Air Freight, Inc., a corporation, operates as a freight forwarder between various points in California. By this application, it seeks to increase the rates and charges in its tariffs¹ by an average of 40 percent.²

Applicant states that it has not increased its rates since they were originally established on November 9, 1973, and it has incurred, since that date, increases of 66 percent on shipments under 100 pounds and increases ranging from 18 to 43 percent on shipments of 100 pounds or more for transportation it has purchased from the major air carriers. Applicant alleges that it has also experienced labor-related increases in costs of approximately 21 percent since November 9, 1973. Applicant declares that the sought increases would provide it with the minimum amount of revenue needed

¹ These rates are set forth in detail in California Intra-State Airfreight Tariff No. 1, Cal.P.U.C. No. 1, and California Intra-State SkyCab Service Tariff No. 1, Cal.P.U.C. No. 2.

² The present and proposed rates in cents per shipment for a representative movement of general commodities are:

<u>Between</u>	<u>And</u>	<u>Weight Per Shipment in Pounds</u>	<u>Present Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Los Angeles	San Francisco	10	1440	1890
		50	1945	2675

to recover the aforementioned increases in costs and a yearly revenue increase approximating \$97,000 would result under its proposal.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 9, 1976. 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.

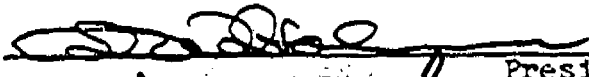
IT IS ORDERED that:

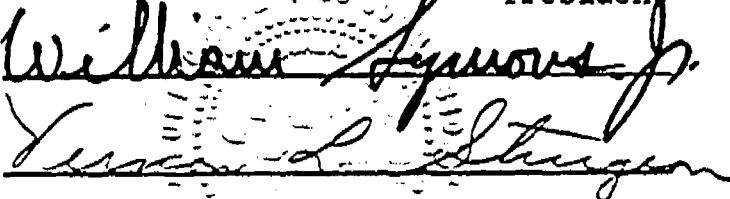
1. Shulman Air Freight, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to publish increased rates and charges as specifically proposed in the application.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

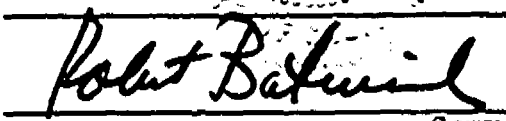
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of June, 1976.

Commissioner Leonard Ross, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.



President




Commissioners