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Decision No.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investiga-) tion for the purpose of consid-) ering and determining minimum) rates for transportation of used) household goods and related) property statewide as provided) in Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B and) the revisions or reissues) thereof.

Case No. 5330

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B names minimum rates and rules for the statewide transportation of uncrated used household goods and related articles by highway carriers.

Numerous questions have been received from the public regarding the application of the transportation valuation charge contained in Item 80 of Minimum Rate Tariff 4-2 to a shipment which is stored in transit. The tariff provides that charges for a shipment which is stored in transit shall be computed, in part, by assessing the applicable transportation rate for the movement into as well as the movement out of the point of storage. Each such transportation rate must, by definition, include all applicable charges including the transportation valuation charge. Therefore, separate transportation valuation charges must be assessed both for the transportation from initial point of origin to point of storage and for the transportation from point of storage to point of destination on shipments which are stored in transit in accordance with the provisions of Item 180 of the tariff.

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In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the tariff item which provides for the transportation valuation charge should be revised. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that Minimum Hate Tariff 4-B should be amended accordingly.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Minimum Rate Tariff 4-B (Appendix C to Decision 65521, as amended) is further amended by incorporating therein, to become effective October 23, 1976, Fifteenth Revised Page 10 attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. Common carriers subject to the Public Utilities Act, to the extent that they are subject also to Decision 65521, as amended, are directed to establish in their tariffs the amendments necessary to conform with the further adjustments ordered herein.

3. Tariff publications required or authorized to be made by common carriers 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 the tenth day after the effective date of this order, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public; such tariff publications as are required shall be made effective not later than October 23, 1976; and as to tariff publications which are authorized but not required, the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date hereof.

4. Common carriers, in establishing and maintaining the amendments authorized hereinabove, 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

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comply with this order; and schedules containing the amendments published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

5. In all other respects, Decision 65521, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this day of September, 1976.

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Commissioner D. W. Holmes. being necessarily absent. did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.



MINIMUM RATE TARIFF 4-B

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ITEM SECTION 1--RULES (Continued) DECLARATION OF VALUE--VALUATION CHARGES (Concluded) (f) The following minimum valuation charges will apply to all shipments not released to a value of 60 cents per pound per article (See Note 1): TRANSPORTATION VALUATION CHARGE & 50 cents per each \$100 (or fraction thereof) of released valuation. *(See Note 3) STORAGE-IN-TRANSIT VALUATION CHARGE 10 cents per each \$100 (or fraction thereof) of released valuation. (See Note 2) NOTE 1.--If the shipper wishes to avoid these additional charges, he must enter a released value of 60 cents per pound per article on the shipping document. NOTE 2 .-- No charge shall be made where storage-in-transit of a shipment is ø80 undertaken for carrier's convenience. (Conclu-"NOTE 3 .- On shipments which are stored in transit in accordance with the ded) provisions of Item 180, separate transportation valuation charges shall be assessed for the transportation from initial point of origin to point of storage and for the transportation from point of storage to point of destination. (g) Each shipping piece or package and contents thereof shall constitute one article, except that total component parts of any article taken apart or knocked down for handling and loading in vehicle shall constitute one article for the purpose of determining carrier's liability. NOTE .-- When an entire shipment is transported in containers, lift vans, or shipping boxes, each shipping package, piece, or loose item not enclosed within a package in such containers, lift vans, or shipping boxes will constitute the article. DISPOSITION OF FRACTIONS In computing a rate based on a percentage of another rate, the following rule shall be observed in the disposition of fractions: 85 Fractions of less than 5 or .50 of a cent, omit. Fractions of 4 or .50 of a cent or greater, increase to next whole figure. DIVERTED SHIPMENTS Charges upon a shipment transported under rates provided in Items 300 or 320 which has been diverted shall be computed at the applicable rate in effect on date of 90 shipment from point of origin via each point where diversion occurs to final destination, plus an additional charge of \$10.10 for each diversion. ø Change * Addition Change, neither > 86421 Decision No. increase nor reduction EFFECTIVE ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Correction