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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of BLUE RIBBON EXPRESS)
and MESSENGER SERVICE, by its)
consultant, Marshall Bline, under)
Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket)
to make certain amendments to)
Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau Tariff)
300-A, Cal PUC 5.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application 84-01-19
(Filed January 6, 1984)

-AND-)
For authority to depart from he)
(sic) terms of Section 454 and 491)
of the Public Utilities Code when)
accomplishing such publication.)

O P I N I O N

Marshall Bline, consultant for and on behalf of Blue Ribbon Express and Messenger Service (Ribbon), seeks authority to publish a charge of \$25 for transporting hazardous materials, in addition to all other applicable rates and charges.

Ribbon is a participant in Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau Local Freight Tariff PCT 300-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 5. Carrier finds that, at present, no tariff provisions exist which would allow it to receive extra compensation when handling hazardous materials and desires to establish a new item.

As justification for the proposed increase, Ribbon cites the following:

- "(1) Carrier must obtain a special license from the California Highway Patrol.
- "(2) Driver must double check all paperwork, packaging and labeling and must know how and when to placard the vehicle to insure conformance with the Department of Transportation regulations and the Code of Federal Regulations, thus requiring extra time for both driver and dispatcher.
- "(3) Because of the additional liability exposure, the costs of both Workman's Compensation and general and property insurance are greatly increased.
- "(4) At times, special equipment, special arrangements and excess time is (sic) involved trying to find someone willing to sign for such shipments. Also, some loading requirements necessitate the use of a separate vehicle to transport part of a shipment due to the volatile nature of combining some hazardous materials."

Ribbon believes that the proposal, if granted, would increase its California intrastate gross revenue by less than 1%.

Applicant indicates that the proposal is not considered to be a major action significantly affecting energy efficiency within the meaning of Public Utilities (PU) Code Sections 3502.1 and 3502.2.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 12, 1984. No protest to the application has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The increase resulting from this proposal is justified.
2. The proposal will result in increasing Ribbon's California intrastate gross revenue by less than one percent.
3. This proposal has no reasonably foreseeable impact on the energy efficiency of highway carriers.
4. Authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Blue Ribbon Express and Messenger Service is authorized to have published a charge of \$25 for the transportation of hazardous materials in Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau Local Freight Tariff PCT 300-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 5, in addition to all other applicable rates and charges.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed on or after the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than 5 days after the effective date of this order on not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. Blue Ribbon Express and Messenger Service, in establishing and maintaining the rates authorized by this order, is authorized to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations; such outstanding authorizations are 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.

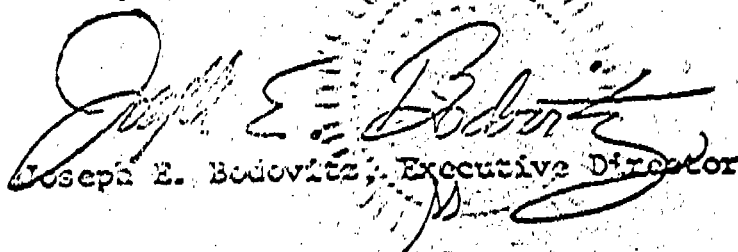
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated MAR 21 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director