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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of G.R.M., Inc. dba )  
PORT TERMINAL TRANSPORT, INC., by )  
its consultant, James C. Olsson )  
for authority to increase rates )  
and charges contained in its Local )  
Freight No. 1, Cal P.U.C. No. 5. )

Application 83-10-15  
(Filed October 6, 1983;  
Amended October 19, 1983,  
and January 6, 1984)

AND

For authority to depart from the )  
terms of Section 454 and 491 of )  
the Public Utilities Code when )  
accomplishing such publications. )

O P I N I O N

G.R.M., Inc., dba Port Terminal Transport, Inc. (Port Terminal) seeks authority to publish an increase of 2 percent on all rates and charges as published in its Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal P.U.C. No. 5.

As justification for the proposed increase, Port Terminal cites the higher operating expenses it is experiencing, the most significant being the increased costs of taxes, wages and fuel. Applicant's rates were last increased on August 8, 1981.

Port Terminal has prepared financial data for the test nine months period ending September 30, 1983. From that data, the staff has prepared a comparison of Port Terminal's financial

position using the present costs being experienced with revenue earned in 1983 (9 months) and with the projected 1984 (9 months) revenue including the sought increase.

	<u>Present Rates</u> (1983)	<u>Proposed Rates</u> (1984)
Revenue	\$4,503,099	\$4,593,161
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	4,490,183	4,490,183
Profit	12,916	102,978
Operating Ratio	99.7%	97.8%

The sought increases would increase Port Terminal's California intrastate annual gross revenue by approximately \$90,062.

The application and amendments were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendars of October 12 and 21, 1983 and January 12, 1984, respectively. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

The proposal is not a major action significantly affecting energy efficiency within the meaning of Sections 3502.1 and 3502.2 of the Public Utilities (PU) Code.

Findings of Fact

1. Port Terminal's rates were last increased August 8, 1981. Since then it has experienced increases in operating expenses.
2. Under the sought increase, it is estimated that Port Terminal will realize additional revenue of about \$90,062.

3. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.

4. Limited authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.

5. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact upon the energy efficiency of highway common carriers.

6. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application, as amended, should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. G.R.M., Inc., dba Port Terminal Transport, Inc., is authorized to increase by 2 percent all rates and charges published in its Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal P.U.C. No. 5.

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. G.R.M., Inc. dba Port Terminal Transport, Inc., in establishing and maintaining the rates and charges authorized by this order, is authorized to depart from the provisions of PU Code

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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.

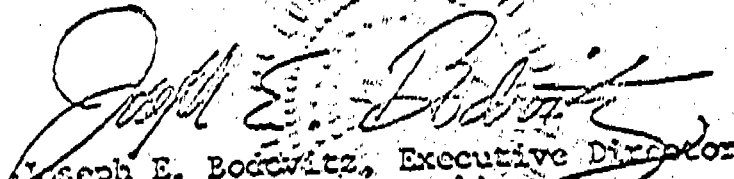
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated APR 4 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.  
President  
VICTOR CALVO  
FRISCILLA C. GREW  
DONALD VIAL  
Commissioners

Commissioner William T. Bagley  
being necessarily absent, did  
not participate.

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

  
Joseph E. Bodewitz, Executive Director