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Decision 84 05 065

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Atlas Freight Lines,) )  
Inc. for authority to increase ) )  
rates in Atlas Tariff Cal PUC ) )  
Nos. 1, 2, and 3 containing rates ) )  
and charges for the transportation ) )  
of commodities and rates and ) )  
regulations applicable thereto. ) )

Application 84-03-22  
(Filed March 6, 1984)

O P I N I O N

Atlas Freight Lines, Inc. (Atlas) seeks authority to increase the rates and charges in its Atlas Tariffs, Cal PUC Nos. 1, 2, and 3 by 15%. These tariffs name class and commodity rates, rules and regulations applicable to the transportation of general commodities moving in truckload and less than truckload quantities.

Atlas cites its need for revenue increases to offset increased operating expenses. The most significant of such increases are due to the higher taxes, labor costs and the cost of new equipment and/or repairs and parts for existing equipment.

On January 19, 1982, Atlas was granted authority to increase its rates and charges in its Atlas Tariffs Nos. 1, 2, and 3 by 11%. This authority was granted by Resolution TS-526.

Atlas has submitted financial data for the year ending December 31, 1983 including the potential revenue impact of its authorized but unexercised increase authority on truckload shipments, and the requested 15% increase. From that data, the staff has prepared a comparison of Atlas' financial position using the present costs being experienced compared with revenue earned in 1983, as adjusted to include the sought increase and increases previously granted but not yet applied.

<u>Test Year Ending December 31, 1984</u>		
	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u> (Estimated)
Revenue (year ending December 31, 1983)	\$7,800,986	\$7,800,986
	Unapplied increase:	99,792
	15% Requested:	<u>1,170,148</u>
	Total potential revenue	\$9,070,926
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	\$8,289,133	\$8,289,133
Profit (Loss)	(488,147)	781,793
Operating Ratio	106%	91.4%

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

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

Findings of Fact

1. Atlas was authorized a general rate increase of 11% January 19, 1982. Since then, it has experienced increases in operating expenses.
2. Under the sought 15% increase, Atlas estimates that it will realize additional revenue of approximately \$1,269,940.
3. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.
4. Authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.
5. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact on the energy efficiency of highway common carriers.
6. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Atlas Freight Lines, Inc. is authorized to increase its rates by 15% in its Atlas Tariffs, Cal PUC Nos. 1, 2, and 3.
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. Atlas Freight Lines, Inc., 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.

4. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

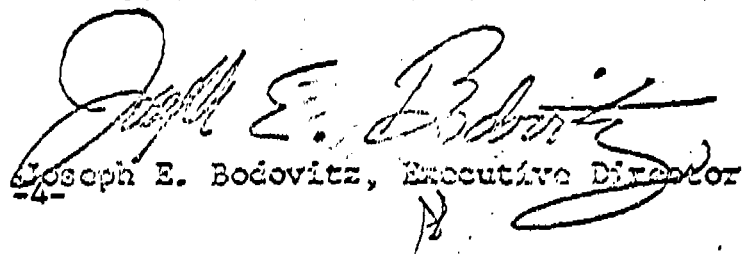
Date MAY 16 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.  
President

VICTOR CALVO  
PRISCILLA C. CREW  
DONALD VIAL  
Commissioners

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

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION  
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE  
COMMISSIONERS TO-WIT:

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director