

Decision 84 05 066 MAY 16 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of RAM TRUCKING, INC.,)
by its consultant, James C. Olsson,)
for authority to increase rates and)
charges contained in Pacific Coast)
Tariff Bureau Local Freight Tariff)
PCT 300A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 5 and PCT)
100A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 3.)

ORIGINAL

Application 83-10-35
(Filed October 20, 1983;
amended January 6, 1984
and March 27, 1984)

-AND-

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

O P I N I O N

Ram Trucking, Inc. (Ram), seeks authority to increase its rates and charges by 15% in the following tariffs of Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau (PCTB):

Local Freight Tariff PCT 300-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 5; and
Exception Sheet PCT 100-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 3.

Ram has not had any increase authority since becoming a participant in PCTB tariffs on May 26, 1981. Ram states that its rates are at the Commission's Transition Tariff 2 level, with some rates below that level to meet competing carrier rates. Applicant alleges that its present rates do not yield sufficient revenues to allow it to conduct its operations at a profit. As justification for the proposed increase, Ram cites increased operating expenses, especially higher costs in labor and taxes.

Ram has prepared financial data for a 12-month test period ending December 31, 1983. From that data, the staff has prepared a comparison of Ram's financial position using the present costs being experienced with revenue earned in 1983 and with the projected 1984 revenue including the sought increase.

	: Present Rates : : (1983) :	: Proposed Rates : : (1984) :
Revenue	\$1,458,652	\$1,677,450
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	1,712,794	1,712,794
Profit (Loss)	(254,142)	(35,344)
Operating Ratio	117.4	102.1

Ram estimates that the sought increase would increase its California annual gross revenue by approximately \$218,798.

The application and amendments were listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendars of October 25, 1983 and January 13 and March 30, 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. Applicant has experienced increases in operating expenses.
2. Under the sought increase, applicant estimates it will realize additional revenue of about \$218,798.
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. Ram Trucking, Inc., is authorized to increase its rates and charges by 15% in the following tariffs of Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau:

Local Freight Tariff PCT 300-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 5; and
Exception Sheet PCT 100-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 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. Ram Trucking, Inc., in establishing and maintaining the rates and charges 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.

Dated MAY 16 1984 , at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
Commissioners

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

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director-24-