

Decision 84 G7 131

JUL 18 1984

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation  
for the purpose of considering 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 5330  
Petition for Modification 117  
(Filed May 21, 1982; amended  
June 21, July 12, 1982, and  
June 15, 1984)

FINAL OPINION

By interim opinion and order in Decision (D.) 82-07-083 dated July 21, 1982 we granted the request of California Moving and Storage Association, Inc. (CMSA) to publish in Minimum Rate Tariff (MRT) 4-B a new series of rates and rules authorizing carriers to offer customers a guaranteed price based upon the cubic measurement of a shipment. The authority was granted for one year and was extended for a second year by D.83-06-101, dated June 29, 1983 at the request of CMSA.

By its Petition Requesting Extension of Expiration Date, CMSA once again asks that these guaranteed price provisions be extended for one more year. The petitioner avers that the Commission staff is continuing its conduct of studies necessary to establish a new household goods tariff for application within California; that the guaranteed price opportunity offers consumers an alternative that is in their best interests; and that the provisions should be continued until such time as they have been fully studied and, perhaps, modified to meet future needs. No objection to CMSA's petition has been received; therefore, we will grant the continuance. However, this is the second request for extension of these provisions. There is no assurance that the staff will complete its study of MRT 4-B and be prepared for hearings before the end of

another year. In the interests of minimizing our administrative burden we will extend the guaranteed price provisions until further order of the Commission. The question whether to include them in a revised household goods tariff will be addressed in our eventual decision on reregulation in Case 5330, Order Setting Hearing 100.

The extension can best and most economically be accomplished by publication of notice in a supplement to MRT 4-B rather than by amending the numerous individual tariff pages containing the rules.

Since the present guaranteed price provisions are due to expire July 20, 1984, the effective date of this order should be today.

#### Findings of Fact

1. The guaranteed price provisions contained in MRT 4-B have been in effect for two years. They are scheduled to expire July 20, 1984.
2. Continuance of the guaranteed price provisions until further order of the Commission will be in the public interest, allowing the staff and the industry adequate time to study the need for the rules on a permanent basis.
3. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact on the energy efficiency of highway carriers.

#### Conclusions of Law

1. The temporary guaranteed price provisions of MRT 4-B should be extended.
2. Because of the impending expiration of the current guaranteed price tariff provisions, the following order should be made effective today.

FINAL ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

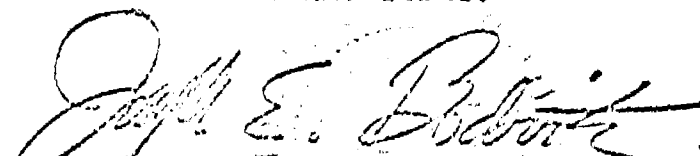
1. Minimum Rate Tariff (MRT) 4-B (Appendix C to D.65521, as amended) is further amended by incorporating, effective July 21, 1984, Supplement 48, attached, and made a part of this decision.
2. In all other respects D.65521, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.
3. The Executive Director shall serve a copy of the attached tariff amendment on each subscriber to MRT 4-B.
4. The petition is granted as set forth above.

This order is effective today.

Dated JUL 18 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. Bogoyan, Executive Director

SUPPLEMENT 48  
(Cancels Supplements 44 and 47)  
(Supplements 31 and 48, Contain All Changes)  
TO  
MINIMUM RATE TARIFF 4-B  
NAMING  
MINIMUM RATES AND RULES  
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STORE AND INSTITUTION FURNITURE, FIXTURES  
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PUBLIC HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
BY  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIERS

♦ NOTICE EXTENDING EXPIRATION DATE

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items relating to Guaranteed Price for Services is extended until  
further order of the Commission:

Item 5	Item 80	Item 180
Item 33	Item 90	Item 195
Item 33.5	Item 130	Item 365
Item 33.7	Item 155	Item 370
Item 70	Item 165	Item 375
Item 75	Item 170	Item 445

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APPLICATION OF SURCHARGE

Except as otherwise provided, compute the amount of charges in accordance with rates and rules in this tariff, and increase the resulting total as follows:

- (1) By four (4) percent on charges computed at rates set forth in Items 300, 320, and 365;
- (2) By one and three-quarters (1-3/4) percent on charges computed at rates set forth in Items 330, 340, and 370.

The surcharge authorized herein shall be computed to the nearest five (5) cents. In computing the surcharge, two and one-half (2-1/2) cents shall be considered as being nearer to the next five cents.

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