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Decision 84 07 134

JUL 18 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application)
of MILNE TRUCK LINES, INC. for)
authority to increase rates and)
charges in its common carrier)
tariff containing rates and)
charges for the transportation of)
general commodities, statewide)
and)
for authority to depart from the)
provisions of Sections 454, 461.5)
and 491 of the Public Utilities)
Code in the application of the)
increase.)

Application 84-04-135
(Filed April 27, 1984;
Amended June 5, 1984)

O P I N I O N

Milne Truck Lines, Inc. (Milne) seeks authority to increase by 6% its rates in Section 1 (Rules) and Section 3 (Distance Class Rates) of its Tariff ICC MILN 300, Cal PUC 1.

Milne has not increased its rates since January 1982, when the tariff was initially filed.

Milne cites its need for revenue increases to offset increased operating expenses, the most significant of which are due to higher taxes, utility costs, prices for equipment, replacement parts and tire costs.

The sought increase will affect only 60% of Milne's traffic and the net effect will be an increase of \$87,000, which is a 3.6% increase in annual revenue.

Milne has prepared financial data for a one-year period ending December 30, 1983. From that data, the staff has prepared a comparison of Milne's financial position using the present costs being experienced compared with revenue earned in 1983 and with the projected revenue for 1984, including the sought increase.

Test period: Year Ending December 31, 1983

	<u>Present Rates</u> 1983	<u>Proposed Rates</u> 1984
Revenue	\$2,414,384	\$2,501,384
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	2,327,726	2,327,726
Profit	86,658	\$ 173,658
Operating Ratio	96.4%	93.1%

The application and amendment were listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendars of May 3 and June 6, 1984, respectively. No protest 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. The applicant has experienced increases in operating expenses.
2. Milne's rates have not been adjusted since their initial filing in January, 1982.

3. Under the sought 6% increase, Milne estimates that it will realize additional revenue of \$87,000.

4. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.

5. Authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.

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

7. 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. Milne Truck Lines, Inc. is authorized to increase its rates and charges by 6% in Section 1 (Rules) and Section 3 (Distance Class Rates) of its Tariff ICC MILN 300, Cal PUC 1.

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. Milne Truck Lines, 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, as amended, is granted as set forth above.

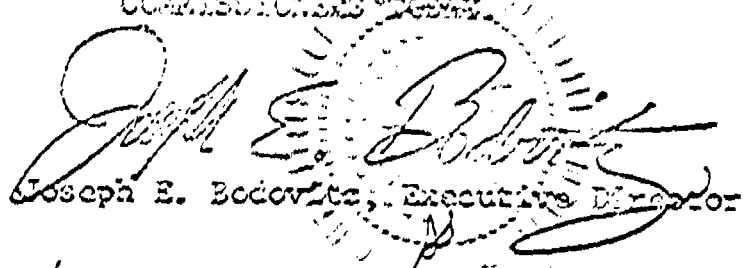
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

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 TOGETHER.


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director