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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Tom L. Appleton,)
dba APP'S TRANSPORTATION SERVICE)
(T-109006), by its consultant,)
Marshall Bline, for authority to)
increase its rates in Pacific)
Coast Tariff Bureau, Agent, Tariff)
Cal. P.U.C. 5, containing rates)
of this common carrier for the)
transportation of commodities and)
the performance of specific)
services related thereto.)

Application 84-04-036
(Filed April 5, 1984;
Amended May 14 and
June 19, 1984)

-AND-

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

O P I N I O N

By this application, as amended, Tom L. Appleton, dba APP's Transportation Service (APPS) requests authority to cancel Item 317 of Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau (PCTB) Local Freight Tariff PCT 300-A, Cal PUC 5 and in its place issue Item 232 in the tariff. Item 232 will provide for special trip service and exclusive use of equipment.

APPS advises that 80 percent of his business is transportation subject to special trip service. The commodities involved are telephone and power line cable, scrap telephone wire,

wooden and plastic highway barricades, computers, business machines and other electronic equipment, and stationery and printed matter. APPS is frequently called upon to make expedited trips involving small quantities of the above named products, where the weight typically ranges from 500 to 1500 pounds per shipment and where backhauls are usually not available. As a result, the revenue derived from these shipments often falls short of the carrier's costs.

APPS is proposing to establish hourly and mileage rates for small shipments that require special trip service or exclusive use of equipment. APPS in its application has given examples of typical shipments comparing the present and proposed charges. Applicant states that its customers have been advised of this application and have no objection.

As justification for the proposed increases, APPS cites increases in operating expenses, the most significant being the increased costs of labor, fuel and equipment taxes. APPS' rates have not been increased since April, 1980.

APPS has prepared financial data for the year ending December 31, 1983, which sets forth actual revenue and expenses as well as projected results under proposed rates. From that data, the staff has prepared a comparison of APPS' financial position using the present costs being experienced with revenue earned in

1983 and with the projected revenue for 1984, including the sought increases.

	Test year Ending December 31, 1984	
	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Revenue	(1983) \$237,115	(1984) \$345,000
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	328,000	328,000
Profit (Loss)	(90,885)	17,000
Operating Ratio	138	95

APPS advises that the proposal is not considered to be a major action significantly affecting energy efficiency within the meaning of Public Utilities (PU) Code Sections 3502.1 and 3502.2.

The application and amendments were listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendars of April 12, May 22 and June 22, 1984. No protest to the application, as amended, has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.
2. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact on the energy efficiency of highway carriers.
3. Limited authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.
4. 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. Tom L. Appleton, dba APP's Transportation Service, is authorized to cancel Item 317 of Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau Local Freight Tariff PCT 300-A, Cal PUC 5 and in its place issue Item 232 applicable on special trip service, or for exclusive use of equipment as set forth in Exhibit A of the application.

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. Tom L. Appleton, dba APP's Transportation Service, 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.

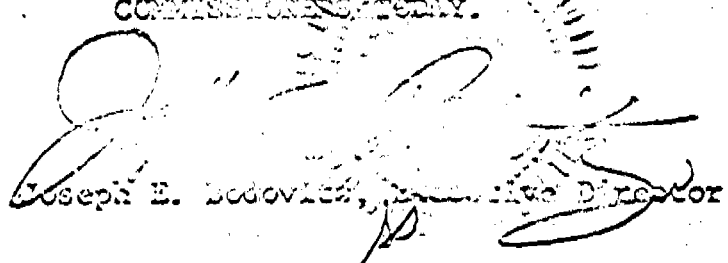
Dated AUG 1 1984, at San Francisco, California.

Commissioner Priscilla C. Grew.
being necessarily absent, did
not participate

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

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

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


Joseph E. Bodovitch, Executive Director