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Decision 84 C9 031

SEP 6 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Simon Trucking,)
 Inc. under the Shortened Procedure)
 Tariff Docket to make increases in)
 the rates for the transportation)
 of empty pallets returning from)
 (sic) points in Northern California)
 to (sic) points in Ventura,)
 Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange,)
 San Bernardino, and San Diego)
 Counties.)

Shortened Procedure
 Tariff Docket
 Application 83-12-24
 (Filed December 15, 1983;
 amended April 30 and
 July 6, 1984)

O P I N I O N

By this application, Simon Trucking, Inc. (Simon) seeks authority to add a charge of \$22.50 to the freight bill of south-bound palletized shipments of foodstuffs and other products from Northern California to wholesale or retail food warehouses in Southern California^{1/} for the service of returning empty pallets.^{2/} The charge will be shown separately on the freight bill.

This proposal will be published in new Item 44.5 of Local and Joint Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal PUC No. 3, issued by Westcoast Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent.

1/ Includes the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura.

2/ As described in Item 150390, Sub 4, of the National Motor Freight Classification NMF 100-K, Cal PUC 22.

It is currently the normal practice of the food warehouses to accumulate pallets until a full load of pallets can be returned to the original shipping point, to assure that they move at the lowest possible rate.^{3/}

Simon alleges that the proposal will result in a greater profit to the carrier by eliminating the need for a special trip transporting only pallets. By collecting the empty pallets each time it delivers a palletized shipment to the warehouse, the carrier can either deliver the empty pallets to the original point of origin when there is a pickup or take them to its yard awaiting the next shipment. Simon indicates that its normal southbound load consists of 20 pallets of merchandise. Applicant further states that when transporting 20 returning pallets at a time, it is able to use them on northbound loads of other merchandise or load them on the rear of its 45-foot trailer, at carrier's convenience.

Simon states that the increases will not exceed one percent of its total gross revenue.

^{3/} Average truckload consists of 420 pallets.

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

The application and amendments were listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendars of December 20, 1983 and May 7 and July 11, 1984, respectively. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.
2. The proposal will result in increasing applicant's California intrastate gross revenue by less than one percent.
3. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact on the energy efficiency of highway carriers.
4. Authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.
5. 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. Simon Trucking, Inc. is authorized to have published in new Item 44.5 of Westcoast Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local and Joint Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal PUC No. 3, provisions covering the return of empty pallets from wholesale or retail food warehouses located at points in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura Counties to points in Northern California. In addition to the freight charges for a fully loaded palletized southbound shipment of foodstuffs and other products, a charge of \$22.50 shall be added per each unit of carrier's equipment engaged for the southbound shipment. The charge shall be shown separately on the freight bill.

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. Simon 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

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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.

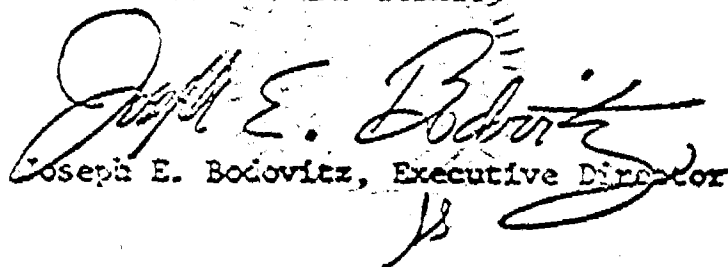
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated SEP 6 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. Bodovitz, Executive Director