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Decision 84 09 035

SEP 6 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of The Application of )  
 R. L. Cramer, Inc., d/b/a Service )  
 Systems, Cal T-133,959, for )  
 permission to increase rates and )  
 charges in its individual Local )  
 Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal PUC No. 1 )  
 by 11%. )

Application 84-06-095  
(Filed June 28, 1984)

O P I N I O N

By this application, R. L. Cramer Inc., (Cramer), doing business as Service Systems, seeks authority to increase all rates and charges by 11% in its Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1 (Class Rates and Parcel Delivery Rates). As justification for the proposed increase, applicant cites increases in operating expenses, the most significant being the increased costs of taxes and equipment maintenance. Applicant's rates were last adjusted April 20, 1980 and are at the Commission's Transition Tariff 2 level.

Cramer has prepared financial data for a six-month period ending April 30, 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 Cramer'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 increases.

	<u>Test Year Ending October 31, 1984</u>	
	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Revenue	1,195,790	1,327,326
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	1,352,508	1,352,508
Profit (Loss)	(156,718)	(25,182)
Operating Ratio	113	101

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of July 3, 1984. No protest to the granting of the application has been received.

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

Findings of Fact

1. Cramer's rates were last adjusted April 20, 1980. Since then it has experienced increases in operating expenses, the most significant being the increased costs of taxes and equipment maintenance.

2. Cramer by this application, is seeking an 11% increase in all rates and charges in its Local Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1.

3. Under the sought 11% increase, Cramer estimates that it will realize additional revenue of \$131,536.

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 should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. R. L. Cramer, Inc., is authorized to increase by 11% all rates and charges in its Local Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 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. R. L. Cramer, Inc., 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.

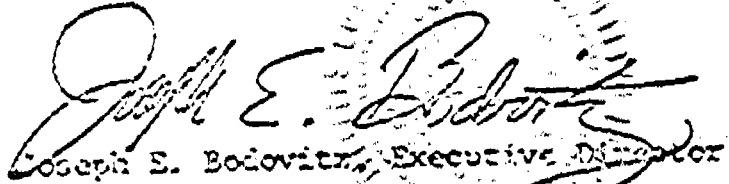
4. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated 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