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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Dealers Auto
Transport, Inc., for authority to
publish provisions in its Tariff
Adoption Notice that would result
in increases in rates and charges.

Application 84-05-064
(Filed May 17, 1984)

O P I N I O N

By this application, Dealers Auto Transport, Inc.,
(Dealers) requests authority to publish amendments to its Tariff
Adoption Notice of Minimum Rate Tariff 12-A that will increase some
of its rates and charges, and add new provisions and charges for
special services that it sometimes performs.

The following changes are proposed:

- Item 162 - Reduce free time allowance for loading and unloading;
- Item 163 - A new item to add a provision and charge for expedited service;
- Item 164 - Increase the extra charge for transporting specialized (antique or classic) vehicles;
- Item 237 - A new item providing a charge for vehicle servicing or repair;
- Item 420-A - Increase distance rates for used vehicles by approximately \$5.00 per vehicle transported;
- Item 426 - Increase rate to \$5.00 per vehicle transported and add additional points;

Item 428 - A new item adding point to point rates between Los Angeles or Orange Counties and points in Northern California; and

Item 431 - A new item adding rates from points in Los Angeles and Orange Counties to points in the Fresno area.

As justification for the proposed increases, Dealers cites the higher operating expenses it is experiencing, the most significant being the increased costs for new equipment, fuel, insurance, tires and taxes. Dealers' rates have not been increased since September, 1982.

Dealers 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 Dealers' financial position using the present costs being experienced with revenue earned in 1983 and with the projected revenue for 1984, including the sought increases.

	<u>Test Year Ending December 31, 1984</u>	
	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Revenue	\$949,386	\$958,878
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	949,897	949,897
Profit (Loss)	(511)	8,981
Operating Ratio	100.1%	99.1%

Dealers 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 was listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of May 24, 1984. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The proposed increases in applicant's amendment to its adoption of Minimum Rate Tariff 12-A, as specifically stated in this opinion, are justified.

2. Under the proposed increases, Dealers will realize additional revenue of \$9,492.

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

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

5. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Dealers Auto Transport, Inc. is authorized to increase its rates in its amendment to the adoption of the Commission's Minimum Rate Tariff 12-A as specifically stated in the body of this opinion.

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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. Dealers Auto Transport, 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.

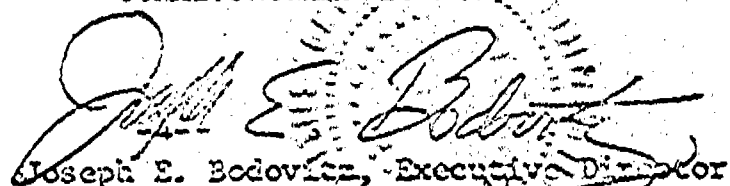
4. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated OCT 3 1984, at San Francisco, California.

VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
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WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director