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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Golden State Tariff)
Bureau, on behalf of Coastal)
Mobil Equipment Co. for authority)
to increase rates in Golden State)
Tariff Bureau Freight Tariff)
No. 2 containing rates and)
charges for the transportation of)
commodities and rates and)
regulations applicable thereto.)

Application 84-07-032
(Filed July 11, 1984)

O P I N I O N

By this application, Golden State Tariff Bureau (GSTB) seeks authority on behalf of Coastal Mobil Equipment Co. (Coastal) to increase its rates and charges in GSTB Freight Tariff No. 2, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2, by seven percent (7%). This tariff contains class and commodity rates, and rules and regulations applicable to the transportation of general commodities moving in truckload and less-than-truckload quantities.

GSTB proposes to increase Coastal's charges by publishing new rates in Items 721 and 722 of GSTB Tariff No. 2 (which apply to the transportation of oil, sewer, water, gas or geothermal steam well outfits and supplies) that approximate a 7% increase. A 7% surcharge supplement will be published to apply to all other shipments.

Coastal's rates have not been increased since it became a participant in GSTB tariffs on November 16, 1980. Since then operating costs have continued to increase, especially labor costs, taxes, and equipment, and GSTB indicates the sought increase is essential if Coastal is to continue to provide adequate and dependable public service.

Coastal has provided financial data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 1983, from which the staff has prepared a comparison of carrier profitability using projected revenues from both the existing and the proposed rates in conjunction with current costs:

	<u>Test Year Ending December 31, 1984</u>	
	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Projected Revenue	\$1,457,953	1,560,010
Projected Expenses (Using current costs)	1,411,077	1,411,077
Profit	46,876	148,933
Operating Ratio	96.8%	90.5%

GSTB indicates 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 July 17, 1984. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The proposed increases in GSTB's Freight Tariff No. 2 on behalf of Coastal, as specifically stated in this opinion, are justified.

2. Under the proposed increases, Coastal estimates that it will realize additional annual revenue of \$102,057.

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.

6. The effective date of this order should be today because applicant has an immediate need for the increase.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Coastal Mobil Equipment Co. is authorized to increase its rates in Golden State Freight Bureau Freight Tariff No. 2, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2, by seven percent (7%) as specifically stated in the body of this opinion.

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. Coastal Mobil Equipment Co., 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.

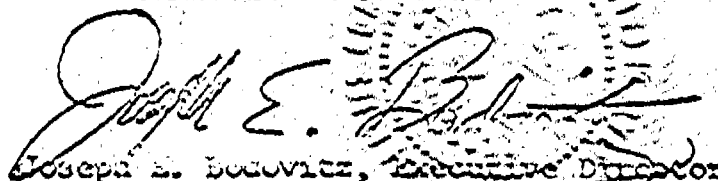
4. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order is effective today.

Dated OCT 3 1984, at San Francisco, California.

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. Bogovitz, Executive Director