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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Maxie J. Huffman dba)
Huffman Trucking by its consultant,)
Roy Gray, & Associates, for auth-)
ority to increase its rates as pub-)
lished in its Local Freight Tariff)
No. 1 and No. 2)

Application 84-05-069
(Filed May 17, 1984;
amended July 9, 1984
and August 6, 1984)

AND)
For authority to depart from the)
Terms of Section 454 and 491 of the)
Public Utilities Code when accomp-)
lishing such rate increase.)

O P I N I O N

Maxie J. Huffman (Huffman), doing business as Huffman Trucking seeks authority to increase his rates by 15% in Huffman Trucking Local Freight Tariffs LFT-1, Cal PUC 1 and LFT-2, Cal PUC-2. LFT-1 applies to general commodities and LFT-2 contains rules and rates for the transportation of trailer coaches, campers, recreational vehicles and mobile structures between points in California. Huffman also proposes to cancel Items 350, 351, 352, and 353 in LFT-2 as having no application and replace them with Item 354. Item 354 will provide rates for the transportation of travel trailers and fifth wheel trailers in line with the Travel Trailer Industry's method of marketing.

Huffman has not increased his rates since April 30, 1980 and cites the need for revenue increases to offset increased operating expenses. The most significant of such increases are higher taxes, labor costs and the rising cost of fuel. Huffman has determined that his present rates for travel trailers and fifth wheel trailers are not compensatory.

Huffman has submitted financial data for the year ending December 31, 1983, from which the staff has prepared a comparison of Huffman's profitability using projected revenues from both the existing and the proposed rates with current costs:

	<u>Test Year Ending December 31, 1984</u>	
	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
	<u>(1983)</u>	<u>(1984)</u>
Intrastate Revenue	\$402,446	\$462,813
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	\$437,581	\$437,581
Profit (Loss)	(35,135)	25,232
Operating Ratio	108.7	94.5

The application and amendments were listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendars of May 24, July 17, and August 10, 1984. No protest to the granting of the application, as amended, 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. Huffman's rates have not been adjusted since April 30, 1980.
2. Under the sought 15% increase, Huffman estimates that he will realize additional revenue of \$60,367.
3. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.
4. Authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.
5. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact on the energy efficiency of highway common carriers.
6. 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. Maxie J. Huffman, doing business as Huffman Trucking, is authorized to increase his rates by 15% in Tariffs LFT-1, Cal PUC-1 and LFT-2, Cal PUC-2.

2. New Item 354 in LFT-2 is authorized for transportation of travel trailers and fifth wheel trailers.

3. 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.

4. Maxie J. Huffman, 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.

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4. The application, as amended, 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. CREW
DONALD VIAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director