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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Golden State Tariff )  
Bureau, on behalf of Romines Truck )  
& Construction 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 appli- )  
cable thereto. )

Application 84-08-086  
(Filed August 24, 1984)

O P I N I O N

By this application, Golden State Tariff Bureau, Agent (GSTB) on behalf of Romines Truck & Construction Company (Romines) seeks authority to effect an increase of from 5 to 7 percent in rates and charges shown in GSTB Tariff 2, Item 721. Item 721 contains rates in cents per hour applicable to the transportation of freight regardless of classification when transported from, to, or between oil well sites.

The sought increase will apply to the following four rates only:

	<u>Present Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
2-axle truck	3729	3915	5
3-axle truck	4259	4472	5
tractor-trailer combination	4718	5050	7
tractor only	4406	4626	5

All other rates and charges in Item 721 will remain unchanged.

As justification for the proposed increase, Romines cites increases in operating expenses, the most significant being the increased costs of taxes, wages and equipment. Allegedly, the increased revenue sought will enable applicant to continue to provide an adequate and dependable service. Applicant's rates were last adjusted October 17, 1981.

Romines has prepared financial data for a 12-month test period ending September 30, 1984. From that data, the staff has prepared a comparison of the applicant's financial position using the present costs being experienced compared with revenue earned in fiscal year 1982-1983 and with the projected fiscal year 1983-84 revenue, including the sought increase.

	<u>Test Period Ending September 30, 1984</u>	
	<u>Present Rates</u> (1982-83)	<u>Proposed Rates</u> (1983-84)
Revenue	\$1,295,211	\$1,372,924
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	1,286,848	1,286,848
Profit	8,363	86,076
Operating Ratio	99.49%	93.7%

The application was listed in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of August 29, 1984. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

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

Findings of Fact

1. Romines' rates were last adjusted October 17, 1981. Since then it has experienced increases in operating expenses, the most significant being the increased costs of taxes, wages and equipment.
2. The increases in Romines' rates and charges are justified.
3. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact upon the energy efficiency of highway carriers.
4. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Romines Truck & Construction Company, is authorized to increase its rates and charges by 5 to 7 percent in Golden State Tariff 2, Item 721 as specifically set forth in the 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.

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3. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated OCT 17 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

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

