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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of JBL Freight Systems,)
Inc. by its consultant Roy Gray)
& Assoc. for authority to publish)
Tariff provisions resulting in)
increase due to transfer of)
Applicant's rates from Public)
Utilities Commission published)
rates to the publication of)
Applicant's own Tariff,)

and)

For authority to depart from the)
terms of Section 452 and 491 of)
the Public Utilities Code when)
accomplishing such publication.)

Application 84-08-002
(Filed August 1, 1984;
Amended August 16, and
September 11, 1984)

O P I N I O N

By this application, JBL Freight Systems, Inc., (JBL) seeks authority to cancel its adoption of tariffs published by the Commission, Transition Tariff 2 and Exception Rating Tariff 1, and to concurrently publish its own Local Freight Tariff.

Applicant proposes to publish in its Local Freight Tariff rates and rules which will result in an increase of five percent in the minimum shipment charges and twenty-three percent in all other rates and charges.

JBL asserts that the present charges under rates set forth in the Commission's tariffs do not yield sufficient revenue. Further, that the increased charges proposed in the application are necessary to offset current operating expenses it is experiencing, the most significant being the increased cost of labor, taxes and fringe benefits.

JBL has provided financial data for a three-month period ending March 31, 1984, 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>3-Month Test Period Ending March 31, 1984</u>	
	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Projected Revenue	\$53,055.24	\$65,257.79
Projected Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	61,171.12	61,171.12
Profit (Loss)	(8,115.88)	4,086.67
Operating Ratio	115.30%	93.74%

Applicant states that the sought increase would increase its California gross revenue by approximately \$48,812 annually.

JBL 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, as amended, was listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of August 6, August 22 and September 11, 1984, respectively.

Findings of Fact

1. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.
2. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact on the energy efficiency of highway carriers.
3. Limited authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.
4. 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. JBL Freight Systems, Inc. is authorized to cancel its adoption of Commission tariffs and to concurrently publish its own Local Freight Tariff.
2. JBL Freight Systems, Inc. is also authorized to increase its rates and charges by 5 percent in its minimum shipment charges and by twenty-three percent in all of its other rates and charges.

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. JBL Freight Systems, 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.

5. The application, as amended, is granted as set forth above.

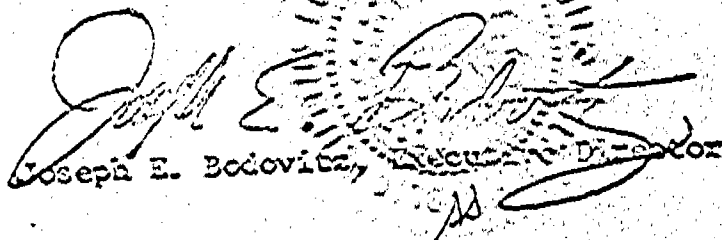
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated NOV 21 1984, at San Francisco, California.

PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

Commissioner Victor Calvo.
Being necessarily absent, did
not participate

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director