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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of R. S. Greitz, Tariff)
Issuing Officer of Pacific Motor)
Tariff Bureau, Inc., on behalf of)
Matheson Fast Freight, Inc.,)
authorizing an increase in rates)
in Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau,)
Inc., Tariffs 100, 250 and 550,)
containing rates of this common)
carrier for the transportation of)
commodities and the performance of)
specified services related thereto.)

Application 84-08-034
(Filed August 7, 1984)

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For authority to depart from the)
terms of Section 454, 460 and 491)
of the Public Utilities Code when)
accomplishing such publication.)

O P I N I O N

By this application, Matheson Fast Freight, Inc., seeks authority to increase its rates and charges by twenty-five percent (25%) in the following tariffs as published by Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (PMTB):

Tariff No. 100, Cal. P.U.C. No. 4;
Tariff No. 125, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2;
Tariff No. 250, Cal. P.U.C. No. 3; and
Tariff No. 550, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1.

Applicant also proposes to amend its minimum charge rule to indicate that all minimum charge shipments weighing less than one hundred (100) pounds will be charged for as one hundred pounds.

Additionally, applicant proposes to increase its charges for inside delivery from thirty-five cents per 100 pounds, minimum charge per shipment of \$2.80, to ninety-two cents per 100 pounds, minimum charge per shipment, \$6.30.

Applicant began operations as a common carrier on January 24, 1984, charging the rates of its predecessor (Flower's Stockton-Lodi Fast Freight). However, those rates had not been increased since April 20, 1980. Since the time of the last increase, operating costs have continued to increase.

Applicant provided financial data for a three-month period ending March 31, 1984, which sets forth the actual revenue and expenses, as well as projected results under the proposed increase in revenue of approximately \$48,403. From that data the staff has prepared a comparison of applicant's financial position using the present costs being experienced compared with revenue earned and with the projected revenue, including the sought increase.

Three-month Test Period Ending March 31, 1984

	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Revenue	\$ 193,613	\$ 242,016
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	364,455	364,455
Profit (Loss)	(170,842)	(122,439)
Operating Ratio	188.2	150.6

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of August 13, 1984. No protest to the granting of the application has been received.

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

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant's rates were last adjusted April 20, 1980. Since then it has experienced increases in taxes, wages, and other operating expenses.
2. Applicant is seeking a general increase of 25% in tariffs of PMTB as specifically stated in the opinion. Applicant also proposes to amend its minimum charge rule, so that all minimum charge shipments weighing less than 100 pounds will be charged for as 100 pounds. Also, applicant proposes to increase its inside delivery charges from thirty-five cents per 100 pounds, minimum charge per shipment of \$2.80, to ninety-two cents per 100 pounds, minimum charge per shipment, \$6.30.
3. Under the sought 25% increase, applicant estimates that it will realize additional quarterly revenue of approximately \$48,000.
4. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.

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

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

7. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

1. Matheson Fast Freight, Inc., is authorized to increase its rates by 25% in tariffs published by Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent as specifically stated in the opinion.

2. Amendment of the minimum charge rule is authorized as stated in the body of the opinion.

3. Increased charges for inside delivery are authorized as stated in the body of the opinion.

4. 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.

5. Matheson Fast Freight, 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.

6. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated DEC 5 1984, at San Francisco, California.

DONALD VIAL
President
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
FREDERICK R. DUDA
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director