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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) Shima Transfer Co., authorizing an) increase in rates in Pacific Motor) Tariff Bureau, Inc., Tariffs 100,) 125, 250 and 550, containing rates) of this common carrier for the) transportation of commodities and) the performance of specified) services related thereto.)

Application 84-08-035
(Filed August 7, 1984)

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

O P I N I O N

By this application, Shima Transfer Co. (Shima), a California corporation, seeks authority to increase its rates and charges by fifteen percent (15%) in the following tariffs as published by Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (PMTB).

- Tariff No. 6-F, Cal. P.U.C. 5
- Tariff No. 12, Cal. P.U.C. 3
- Tariff No. 17, Cal. P.U.C. 8
- Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. 9
- all series of O. R. Thomasson, Alternate Agent

AND

- Tariff No. 100, Cal. P.U.C. 4
- Tariff No. 125, Cal. P.U.C. 2
- Tariff No. 250, Cal. P.U.C. 3
- Tariff No. 550, Cal. P.U.C. 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-nine cents per 100 pounds, minimum charge per shipment of \$3.11, to ninety-two cents per 100 pounds, minimum charge per shipment, \$6.30.

Applicant has supplied additional financial information and states that the last increase of 11% as authorized by Resolution IS-456, dated April 21, 1981, has been fully applied to all tariff rates. Since then, taxes, wages, and other operating costs have increased and, applicant states that its rates are now dangerously close to not recovering its expenses.

Applicant's financial data for the test period of ten months ending April 30, 1984, sets forth the actual revenue and expenses, as well as projected results under proposed rates. From that data, the staff has prepared a comparison of applicant's financial position using current costs in conjunction with revenue projected using the proposed rates:

Ten-month test period ending April 30, 1984

	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Revenue	\$1,647,980	\$1,895,177
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	1,724,611	1,724,611
Profit (Loss)	(76,631)	170,566
Operating Ratio	104.6	91.0

The operating ratio of 91.0 percent is within the zone of reasonableness.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of August 15, 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 21, 1981. Since then it has experienced increases in taxes, wages, and other operating expenses.

2. Applicant is seeking a 15% increase in all its rates and charges as published in tariffs of PMTB as specifically stated in the body of the opinion.

3. Applicant is seeking authority to amend its minimum charge rules.

4. Applicant is seeking authority to increase its inside delivery charges.

5. Under the sought 15% increase, applicant estimates that it will realize additional (ten months) revenue of approximately \$247,197.

6. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.

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

8. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

1. Shima Transfer Co. is authorized to increase its rates by 15% in tariffs published by Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, as specifically stated in the body of the opinion.

2. Amendment of Shima Transfer Co.'s minimum charge rule is authorized as stated in the body of the opinion.

3. Increased charges for inside delivery for Shima Transfer Co. 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. Shima Transfer 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.

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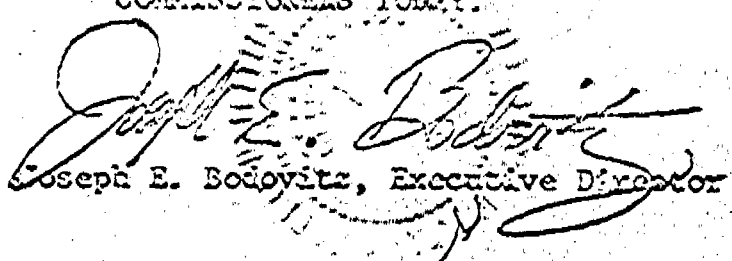
6. The application is granted as set forth above.

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