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Decision <u>88 08 049</u> AUG 24 1988

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Dealers Auto Transport,)
Inc. (T-100059), for authority to)
cancel its adoption of MRT 12-A and)
publish Local Truckaway Tariff No. 1)
containing increases in rates and charges of approximately 9.3 percent.)

Application 88-04-049 (Filed April 18, 1988; amended May 18, 1988)

OPINION

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The staff has examined the application and recommended exparte handling. Notice of this matter appeared on the Daily Transportation Calendar of April 22, 1988. No protests have been filed.

Findings of Fact

- 1. No evidentiary hearing is needed.
- 2. Applicant's existing rates, insofar as they differ from those authorized herein, are, for the future, unjust and unreasonable. The proposed rates are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Dealers Auto Transport, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 88-04-049. Tariffs, substantially in accordance with those contained in the application, shall be filed on or after the effective date of this order. They may go into effect 5 days or more after the effective date of this order on not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
- 2. The authority shall expire unless exercised within 90 days after the effective date of this order.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated AUG 24 1988 , at San Francisco, California.

STANLEY W. HULETT
President
DONALD VIAL
FREDERICK R. DUDA
C. MITCHELL WILK
JOHN B. OHANIAN
Commissioners

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

Vicior Weisser, Executive Director

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