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Decision _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application)
of Cal-Valley Transportation, Inc.,)
seeking authority to transfer from)
CAL PUC Transition Tariffs to)
Cal-West Tariff Bureau, Inc., to)
increase its rates by 11%)
and)
For authority to depart from the)
terms of Sections 454 and 491 of)
the Public Utilities Code when)
accomplishing such publication.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket 1/
Application 83-04-23
(Filed April 11, 1983 and
Amended May 26, 1983)

O P I N I O N

Cal-Valley Transportation, Inc., (Cal-Valley), seeks to cancel its adoption notice to the Commission's transition tariffs and establish its participation in tariffs of Cal-West Tariff Bureau, Inc. (CWT). Applicant also seeks to increase its rates and charges by 11% for an annual increase in revenue of about \$2,741. In addition, there will be certain technical increases and decreases due to differences of rules between tariffs.

1/ Application was incorrectly docketed as a SPT; it should have been docketed as an application since the increase in rates and charges sought by the carrier is 11%.

As justification for the proposed increase, Cal-Valley indicates that its rates were last adjusted April 20, 1980. Since then it has incurred higher operating costs in all areas of its operations, the most significant being the increased costs in direct operating expenses. Allegedly, the increased revenues sought will enable applicant to continue its services to the public at current levels.

Cal-Valley has prepared financial data for a test year ending December 31, 1983. From that data, the staff has prepared a comparison of Cal-Valley's financial position using the present costs being experienced compared with revenue earned in 1982 and with the projected revenue for 1983, including the sought increase.

	<u>Test Year Ending December 31, 1983</u>	
	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Revenue	(1982) \$24,921	(1983) \$27,662
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	26,400	26,400
Profit (Loss)	(1,479)	1,262
Operating Ratio	106.0	95.0

The application and amendment were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendars of April 12, 1983 and June 1, 1983, respectively. 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 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 operating expenses, the most significant being the increased costs in direct operating expenses.
2. Under the sought increase, applicant estimates it will realize additional annual revenue of about \$2,741.
3. The technical increases in applicant's rates and charges because of the transfer to CWT tariffs have been shown to be justified.
4. Limited authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.
5. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact upon energy efficiency of highway common carriers.
6. 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. Cal-Valley Transportation, Inc., a corporation, is authorized to cancel its Adoption Notice to Public Utilities Commission transition tariffs and to establish its participation in tariffs of Cal-West Tariff Bureau, Inc.

2. Cal-Valley Transportation, Inc. is authorized to increase its rates by 11%.

3. Cal-Valley Transportation, 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.

4. The authorized cancellation of applicant's Adoption Notice to the Commission's transition tariffs shall be concurrent with the effective date of the authorized participation in tariffs of Cal-West Tariff Bureau, Inc.

5. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than 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.

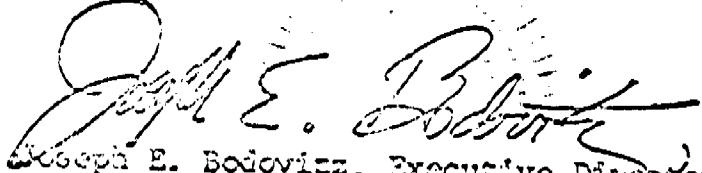
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated SEP 7 1983, at San Francisco, California.

Commissioner William T. Bagloy
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAD
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director