

T/DC/TCG/WPSC

Decision S3 09 034 SEP 7, 1983**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Request of Jim Walker's Transfer)	
Co. Inc., A Perkel Enterprise,)	Shortened Procedure
to increase rates in Mrt 2,)	Tariff Docket
Item 145B, by 10.18% on the)	Application 83-05-541/
Expedited Tariff Amendment)	(Filed May 23, 1983)
Docket.)	

O P I N I O N

Jim Walker's Transfer Co., Inc. (Walker) requests authority to increase its hourly rates for accessorial services. These rates are published as exceptions to Walker's adoption of Transition Tariff 2. Applicant's rates were last adjusted April 20, 1980.

As justification for the proposed increase, Walker cites increases in operating expenses, the most significant being the increased costs of labor and fuel. Allegedly, the increased revenue sought will enable Walker to continue its service to the public at current levels.

Applicant has prepared financial data for a test period ending December 31, 1982. From that data, the staff has prepared a comparison of applicant'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.

1/ The application was incorrectly docketed as an SPT, it should have been docketed as an application as the increase sought by the carrier is 10.18%.

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	<u>Test Year Ending December 31, 1983</u>	
	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Revenue	(1982) \$168,228	(1983) \$185,354
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	168,301	168,301
Profit (Loss)	(73)	17,053
Operating Ratio	100	90.8

Walker estimates that in the event the application is granted, it would increase its annual revenue by approximately \$17,126.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 27, 1983. No objection to granting of the application has been received.

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

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant's rates were last adjusted April 20, 1980. Since then it has experienced increases in expenses, the most significant being the increased costs of labor and fuel.

2. Under the sought increase in hourly rates for accessorial services, applicant estimates it will realize additional revenue of \$17,126.

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3. The increases in applicant's rates and charges are justified.

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

5. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Jim Walker's Transfer Co., Inc. is authorized to increase its hourly rates for accessorial services in its exception to its adoption of Transition Tariff 2 to the following levels:

Unit of Equipment:

(a) with driver	\$40.00
(b) with driver and 1 helper	52.00
Additional helpers, per man	22.00
Minimum charge---the charge for one hour	

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2. 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.

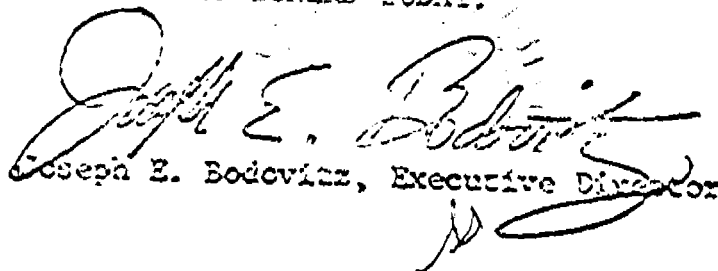
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated SEP 7 1983, at San Francisco, California.

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

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

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


Joseph E. Bodoviaz, Executive Director

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