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Decision \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of CONTI TRUCKING, )  
INC. for authority to increase )  
rates in Conti Trucking, Inc. )  
Tariffs Nos. 1 and 2, for the )  
transportation of commodities and )  
performance of specified services )  
related thereto )

Application 83-08-03  
(Filed August 1, 1983)

-AND-

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

O P I N I O N

Conti Trucking, Inc., a corporation, requests authority to increase by various percentages the rates and charges in its General Commodities Tariff PUC No. 1; Iron or Steel Tariff No. 1, PUC No. 2; and to publish the tariff changes on less than statutory notice.

Applicant requests the following increases:

1. 14% on rates and charges computed on minimum weights of less than 5,000 pounds;
2. 11% on rates and charges computed on minimum weights of 5,000 pounds or more;
3. 10% on split pickup and split delivery charges in Items 160-163 and Items 170-173 of PUC No. 1;

4. 10% on stopping in transit charges in Item 3100 of PUC No. 2; and

5. Increase the Central Coastal surcharges in Item 4000 of PUC No. 1 by amounts ranging from 11 cents to \$4.70.

Applicant has prepared financial data for a test year 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 increases.

	<u>Test Year Ending December 31, 1983</u>	
	<u>Present Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Revenue	(1982) \$2,144,252	(1983) \$2,519,174
Expenses Revised to Reflect Current Costs	2,299,108	2,299,108
Profit (Loss)	(154,856)	220,466
Operating Ratio	107	91

Applicant indicates that the proposal is not considered to be a major action significantly affecting energy efficiency within the meaning of Public Utilities (PU) Code Sections 3502.1 and 3502.2.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 3, 1983. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The proposed increases in applicant's rates and charges have been shown to be justified.
2. Under the sought increases, applicant estimates it will realize additional revenue of about \$375,322.
3. Limited authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.
4. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact on the energy efficiency of highway common carriers.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted.
2. The tariff pages to be published should be made effective no sooner than the fifth day after the effective date of this order.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Conti Trucking, Inc. is authorized to increase its rates and charges as specifically set forth in the body of this opinion.

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.

3. Conti Trucking, 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;

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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.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

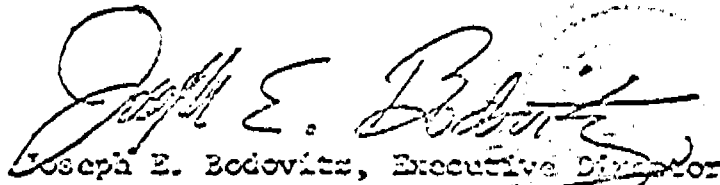
Dated NOV 2 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.  
President

VICTOR CALVO  
PRISCILLA C. GREW  
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY  
Commissioners

Commissioner Donald Vial, being necessarily absent, did not participate.

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director