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Decision No. 86925

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investiga-)
tion for the purpose of consid-)
ering and determining minimum)
rates for transportation of)
sand, rock, gravel and related)
items in bulk, in dump truck)
equipment between points in)
California as provided in Mini-)
mum Rate Tariff 7-A and the revisions or reissues thereof.

Case No.-5437

And Related Matters

Case No. 9819 Case No. 9820

CPINION AND ORDER

On May 24, 1976, there was sent to interested parties for comments or suggestions a report prepared by the Commission's Transportation Division Freight Economics Branch staff recommending that the Commission adopt a new mixed shipment rule for mixtures of commodities which are transported in dump truck equipment under the rates named in Minimum Rate Tariffs 7-A, 17-A and 20 (MRT 7-A, 17-A and 20).

According to the report, the staff has become aware of occasions when commodities subject to the provisions of either MRT 7-A, 17-A or 20 are shipped with other commodities and the rates for the mixture of such commodities are not presently provided for in the aforementioned tariffs. The report indicates that this circumstance creates confusion and uncertainty as to the applicable tariff and rate and further confusion when the commodities in the mixture have application in two different dump truck tariffs.

Written comments were received from California Department of Transportation, Materiel Operations Branch; Associated Independent Owner-Operators, Inc. and California Dump Truck Owners Association supporting the staff's proposal. No protest to the staff's report has been received.

The staff's report and replies thereto are respectively received in evidence as Ex Parte Exhibits H-4 and H-5 in Case 5437 and Ex Parte Exhibits 1 and 2 in Cases 9819 and 9820.

Upon consideration of the evidence in the proceedings, the Commission finds that the staff's proposal is reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that Minimum Rate Tariffs 7-A, 17-A and 20 should be amended accordingly by the order herein and the effective date of this order should be the date hereof because there is an immediate need for this relief.

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Minimum Rate Tariff 7-A (Appendix B to Decision 82061, as amended), is further amended by incorporating therein to become effective February 12, 1977, Fifth Revised Page 2, Second Revised Page 20 and First Revised Page 20-A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
- 2. Minimum Rate Tariff 17-A (Appendix C to Decision 80578, as amended), is further amended by incorporating therein to become effective February 12, 1977, Fourth Revised Page 111 and First Revised Page 1-18-A, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
- 3. Minimum Rate Tariff 20 (Appendix A to Decision 81799, as amended) is further amended by incorporating therein to become effective February 12, 1977, Fourth Revised Page 11, Fourth Revised Page 111 and First Revised Page 1-14-A, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

- 4. Common carriers subject to the Public Utilities Act, to the extent that they are subject to Decisions 80578, 81799 and 82061, as amended, are hereby authorized to establish in their tarrifs the revisions necessary to conform with the further adjustments ordered herein.
- 5. Tariff publications authorized to be made by common carriers as a result of this order may be made effective on no less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public if filed not later than sixty days after the effective date of the minimum rate tariff pages incorporated in this order.
- 6. Common carriers, in establishing and maintaining the amendments authorized hereinabove, are hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 461.5 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations; such outstanding authorizations are hereby modified only to the extent necessary to comply with this order; and schedules containing the amendments published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.
- 7. In all other respects Decisions 80578, 81799 and 82061, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof. Dated at San Francisco, California, this $\frac{15+}{2}$ day of

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