

Decision No. 87003

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Trona Railway)	
Company under the Shortened Pro-)	
cedure Tariff Docket to make in-)	
creases in Car Cleaning of)	
privately-owned or leased covered)	Shortened Procedure
hopper cars from \$10.47 (Trona)	Tariff Docket
Railway Tariff 1-U, Item #310) to)	Application No. 56899
\$14.50 per car. (An increase of)	(Filed November 29, 1976)
\$4.03 per car))	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Trona Railway Company seeks authority to increase the charges for cleaning privately-owned or leased covered hopper cars from \$10.47 to \$14.50 per car.

Applicant states that the present charge of \$10.47 for this service is not adequate to cover material, labor and overhead expense. Applicant avers that the present cost of providing the service results in a monthly loss of approximately \$1,288. Applicant alleges that its proposal would enable it to offset the loss incurred in performing this service.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase its California intrastate gross revenue by as much one percent. Applicant anticipates that the yearly revenue increase under its proposal should approximate \$15,500.

Applicant declares that the only interested party, Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation, has informed it by letter that it will not protest the sought increase.¹ The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 30, 1976. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

¹ A copy of the letter is set forth in Exhibit C attached to the application.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the increase resulting from the proposal herein is reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:


1. Trona Railway Company is hereby authorized to amend Item 310 of its Tariff 1-U, as specifically proposed in the application.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

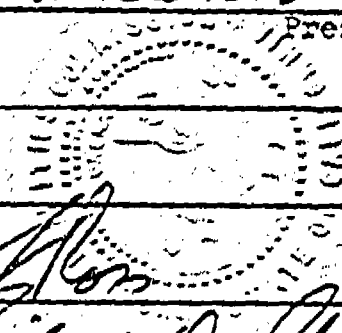
3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of February, 1977.



President



Commissioners

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

-2- Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.