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Decision No. 88094 NOV 8 1977

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of BAY CITIES TRANSPORTATION)
COMPANY, a corporation, for an)
Order authorizing increases in)
its rates and charges for the)
transportation of petroleum and)
petroleum products in bulk.)

Application No. 57558
(Filed September 8, 1977)

OPINION AND ORDER

Bay Cities Transportation Company (Bay Cities), a corporation, operates as a common carrier by water. By this application, it seeks authority to increase its rates for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk by 2.5 percent.¹

Applicant's rates were last adjusted pursuant to authority granted by Decision 86592 dated November 2, 1976 in Application 56765.

Applicant alleges that additional revenue is required because of increased costs in all phases of operation, the most significant being the increased cost of labor.

Exhibit 1, attached to the application, contains revenue and expense data for the test year ended June 30, 1977 together with adjustments to reflect the proposed increase in revenue should the application be granted. The exhibit discloses that during the test year applicant realized a profit of \$27,769 and an operating ratio of 99.2 percent. Had the sought rates been in effect during the test year applicant would have realized a profit of \$61,098 and an operating ratio of 98.3 percent.

¹The current rates are set forth in Bay Cities Transportation Company (United River Lines Division) Local Freight Tariff No. 7-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 21.

The certificate of service shows that copies of the application were mailed to all customers (58 persons or firms) served in the past two years. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of September 12, 1977. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

FINDINGS

1. Applicant's rates were last adjusted by Decision 86592 dated November 2, 1976, in Application 56765.
2. Since applicant's rates were last adjusted it has experienced increases in operating expenses, the most significant being the increased cost of labor.
3. Under the increase sought herein applicant estimates it will realize additional revenue of \$87,899 and an operating ratio of 98.3 percent.
4. The proposed increases in applicant's rates and charges have been shown to be justified.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Bay Cities Transportation Company, a corporation, is hereby authorized to publish in its Local Freight Tariff No. 7-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 21, increased rates for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk as specifically proposed in the application.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
3. The authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of NOVEMBER, 1977.

Robert Bateman

President

William S. Brown, Jr.

Vernon L. Stinger

Charles D. Howell

Commissioners

Commissioner Claire E. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.