

Decision No. 88243 DEC 13 1977**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Service Transport )  
 Lines, Inc., for authority to )  
 charge less than minimum rates in )  
 Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 for )  
 Armco Steel Corporation - Metal )  
 Products Division, as provided )  
 in Section 3666 of the Public )  
 Utilities Code. )

Application No. 57624  
 (Filed October 11, 1977)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Service Transport Lines, Inc. requests authority to deviate from the provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff 2 in connection with the transportation of plastic pipe, fittings and other material necessary for installation for Armco Steel Corporation (Armco) from Madera to points in California.<sup>1</sup>

Plastic pipe generally moves in mixed shipments with fittings and other material necessary for installation. Plastic pipe is rated at Class 60, 21,000 pounds minimum weight while the fittings and other material necessary for installation are rated at Class 70. Applicant's request would result in a single rating of Class 60, 20,000 pounds minimum weight for both the pipe and the materials necessary for installation. The request would provide a slight reduction in total charges and provide an easier way to rate the shipments which is

<sup>1</sup> The minimum charges and the proposed charges for a representative (the minimum charges will vary depending on the mix of commodities) 21,000 pound shipment of pipe and materials incidental to installation are:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Minimum Charges</u>	<u>Proposed Charges</u>
Madera	Sacramento	\$ 259.20	\$ 256.80
Madera	Bakersfield	248.80	246.96

beneficial to the shipper and the carrier by allowing simplicity in rating and a minimum of record keeping and billing.

Applicant cites the following special circumstances: (1) shipper furnishes men, equipment and dunnage materials to load shipments, without expense to applicant; (2) consignee performs unloading; (3) shipper expects to tender nine truckloads per week.

Applicant has performed transportation of pipe and culvert, iron or steel for Armco from their Davis plant for fifteen years. Armco has requested that applicant provide transportation from their new plant in Madera.

Revenue and expense data submitted by applicant indicate that the transportation involved may reasonably be expected to be profitable under the proposed rates.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 14, 1977. California Trucking Association protested the application stating, "Applicant is in fact seeking an exception rating to be made applicable for his exclusive use..." However, the Commission has in many instances granted deviations expressed in terms of a class rating rather than a particular rate.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that applicant's proposal is reasonable. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order and the effective date of this order should be the date hereof because there is an immediate need for this rate relief.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Service Transport Lines, Inc. is authorized to perform the transportation shown in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof at not less than the rates set forth therein.

2. The authority granted herein shall expire one year after the effective date of this order unless sooner cancelled, modified or extended by further order of the Commission.

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The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of DECEMBER, 1977.

Robert Batimanch  
President

*I dissent.*  
*William S. Jones Jr.*

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
Philip D. Chavala  
David T. Schriber  
Commissioners

## APPENDIX A

Carrier: Service Transport Lines, Inc.

Shipper: Armco Steel Corporation

Origin: Madera

To: Points in California

Commodities: 1. Pipe, Sewer or Sewer pipe fittings, cement or concrete filled double walled plastic construction with or without couplings (50625).  
2. Pipe, straight, plastic, inside diameters over 2" but not over 6" (156994).  
3. Pipe fittings, plastic, NOI, in boxes, inside diameter not exceeding 6" (156600).  
4. Methyl Ethyl Ketone, in containers, (in strapped bundles and crates) (45280).

Rating: Class 60, minimum charge of 20,000 pounds per unit of carrier's equipment.

## Conditions:

1. Shipments are to be loaded by the shipper and unloaded by the consignee without assistance of or expense to the carrier.
2. Dunnage necessary for the loading and protection of cargo shall be furnished by the shipper.
3. Applicant has not indicated that subhaulers will be engaged nor have any costs of subhaulers been submitted. Therefore, if subhaulers are employed, they shall be paid no less than the rates authorized herein without any deduction for use of applicant's trailing equipment.
4. In all other respects, the rates and rules in Minimum Rate Tariff 2 shall apply.

(END OF APPENDIX A)