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Decision No. 89153 JUL 25 1978

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of WALTON DISTRIBUTION)  
 SERVICES, INC., a California cor- )  
 poration, for authority to publish )  
 increases in rates for transporta- )  
 tion of property within and be- )  
 tween the cities of Alameda, )  
 Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, )  
 Oakland and Piedmont, under the )  
 provisions of Sections 451 and )  
 454 of the California Public )  
 Utilities Code. )

Application No. 58078  
 (Filed May 18, 1978)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a Highway Common Carrier operating in the area encompassing Novato and Vallejo to the north, Gilroy and Livermore to the south, and Antioch to the east. Applicant's rates are published in Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local Freight Tariff No. 6-F, Cal. P.U.C. No. 5 (Tariff 6-F) ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> for transportation within and between the Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland and Piedmont, its <sup>own</sup> rates are contained in Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local and Joint Freight and Express Tariff No. 8-A, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1 (Tariff 8-A).

Applicant requests authority to cancel its participation in Tariff 6-F, and to allow the rates currently published in Tariff 8-A to apply on transportation within and between the Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Oakland, Emeryville and Piedmont. The result of such changes is that for transportation within and between these six communities, the provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, as published in Tariff 8-A, will apply, with the exception of certain provisions which, if applied, would result in rates lower than the Commission's minimum.

Applicant states it conducts its entire operations from one terminal. All shipments are handled by the same personnel, in the same equipment, without regard to the tariff under which it moves. The shipments within and between the aforementioned six communities are intermingled with the freight moving beyond this area, and any attempt to

segregate such handling would result in an inefficient and costly operation. Applicant's cost of handling these shipments are, therefore, identical to his costs of handling shipments moving under the provisions of Tariff 8-A, some of which are for shorter distances than shipments transported under Tariff 6-F.

Applicant anticipates that if the application were granted, and if no business were to be lost due to the increased rates, revenue would be increased by \$27,235 resulting in an operating ratio of 92 percent.

A copy of the application was served upon the California Trucking Association and Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. on or about May 11, 1978. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 22, 1978. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that:

1. Applicant's terminal costs are identical for shipments rated under Tariffs 6-F and 8-A.
2. The proposed increases in applicant's rates and charges have been shown to be justified.
3. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Walton Distribution Services, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased rates as proposed in Application 58078. 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 thirty days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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

3. Walton Distribution Services, Inc. is authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 461.5 of the Public Utilities Code in establishing and maintaining the rates authorized herein. Schedules containing the rates published under this authority shall make reference to this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of JULY, 1978.

Robert Butner

President

William J. Quinn

Vernon L. Sturgeon

Robert D. Threlle

Walter J. Smith

Commissioners