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Decision No. 89484 OCT 3 1978

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application 8824 of PACIFIC)	
SOUTHCOAST FREIGHT BUREAU, Agent,))	
under the Shortened Procedure)	
Tariff Docket for authority to)	Shortened Procedure
correct errors in rates and)	Tariff Docket
charges arising from updating)	Application No. 58300
tariffs to incorporate general)	(Filed August 17, 1978)
ex parte increases and republi-)	
cation of rates cancelled under)	
obsolete theory on five days')	
notice.)	

ORDER OF DENIAL

By this application Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau, Agent (PSFB), on behalf of carriers party to PSFB tariffs containing intrastate rates in California, requests the following authority in connection with tariff publishing errors which may occur when publishing ex parte rate increases:

- (a) Under Section 490 of the Public Utilities Code, petitioner seeks relief from the requirements of Section 454 and 491 to the extent outlined herein.
- (b) Relief from Rule 11.8 of General Order No. 125, for one supplement to each tariff that may be filed under authority of the decision sought by this petition.
- (c) That authority granted be continuing so that it can be employed from time to time as needed.
- (d) That publications described herein become effective on five days notice on California intrastate traffic.

Applicant states that efforts to update tariffs within the mandated time period, together with limits on labor and printing costs imposed by budgetary requirements has led to an increase in the incidence of error. Not only is there less time for manual compilation and checking the manuscript but the printers are being rushed to complete the printing of more pages in less time.

Applicant cites several examples of special permission from the I.C.C. with regard to tariff publishing rules. Applicant further states,

"Until your Commission inaugurated conferences every two weeks, petitioner could usually obtain permission to correct such errors without too much delay. Now, however, an illegal rate or charge, due to compilation or printer error, can remain in the tariff for a month or more after discovery, simply because it may take that long to obtain permission to correct."

The Commission has provided for the situations applicant cites by its Special Tariff Docket, regulations for which are provided in General Order No. 109. Applicant has not presented sufficient evidence that an additional seven day delay in the Commission's Special Tariff Docket procedure would have an adverse effect upon the carriers applicant represents.

The Commission concludes that the application should be denied.

IT IS ORDERED that Application 58300 is denied.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of OCTOBER, 1978.

Robert Bateman
President
William Synovis Jr.
Veronica L. Sturgeon
Charles W. Hoyle
Clair J. DeLoach
Commissioners