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Decision No. 89974 ; FEB 14 1979

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of O. R. Thomasson,	)	
Alternate Agent, under the	)	
Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket	)	Shortened Procedure
to publish increased rates and	)	Tariff Docket
provisions on behalf of Mike	)	Application No. 58525
Conrotto Trucking, in Pacific	)	(Filed December 14, 1978)
Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local	)	
Freight Tariff No. 18, Cal.	)	
P.U.C. No. 9.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application O. R. Thomasson, Alternate Agent, seeks authority on behalf of Mike Conrotto Trucking, a corporation, (Conrotto) to publish increased minimum charges in Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local Freight Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 9. The aforementioned minimum charges would be increased from \$3.55 to \$15.00 when the distance from point of origin to point of destination does not exceed 175 constructive miles, and from not less than \$4.30 to not less than \$15.00 when distance exceeds 175 constructive miles.

Conrotto alleges that the proposed increases in the minimum charge are not excessive because the continuing upward spiral of costs make it necessary to assess a minimum charge more consistent with the cost of the service involved. The costs involved in dispatching, rating, accounting and related expenses are no less for small shipments than for truckload shipments. Conrotto contends that the current minimum charges do not cover their costs and that the costs for small shipments are being increasingly subsidized by other more profitable transportation services.

Relief from Section 491 of the Code is also sought so that any further subsidization of transportation subject to the minimum charge may end.

According to Conrotto, shipments that are subject to minimum charges do not represent a preponderance of his annual gross revenue and it is Conrotto's belief that in the event the proposed charges are authorized and the resulting publication made, such increase in revenue would approximate \$5,900. Conrotto alleges that in no event would the increase exceed one percent (1%) of his annual gross revenue.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 15, 1978. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

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 is the date hereof because there is an immediate need for this rate relief.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. O. R. Thomasson, Alternate Agent, is authorized to publish in Pacific Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local Freight Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 9, the increased charges on behalf of Mike Conrotto Trucking as specifically set forth in Exhibit B of Application 58525.
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 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 is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th  
day of FEBRUARY, 1979.

Commissioner Leonard M. Grimes, Jr.,  
being necessarily absent, did not  
participate.

John E. Boyer  
President  
Leonard M. Grimes, Jr.

Richard D. Gravelle

Commissioner Richard D. Gravelle, being  
necessarily absent, did not participate  
in the disposition of this proceeding.

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Commissioners