Decision No. 90034 FEB 27 1979

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application 8916 of Pacific)
Southcoast Freight Bureau, Agent,)
under the Shortened Procedure)
Tariff Docket for authority to)
increase minimum weight to)
10,000 lbs. on class Rates in)
PSFB Tariff 1016, as outlined)
herein

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 58581 (Filed January 5, 1979)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau, Agent (PSFB), seeks authority on behalf of HI, NWP, P&SR, SD&AE, SP and VE¹ participants in PSFB's Joint and Local All Rail also Joint Rail-Motor Class Rates Tariff 1016 to amend Items 205 and 386 of that tariff.

PSFB states that carriers' equipment has not been loaded to a capacity which would provide adequate revenues to recover basic costs of providing the rail service. By this proposal, the carriers are seeking: (a) to amend the minimum charge rule so it would be inapplicable on their intrastate traffic, and (b) to establish the minimum weight per carload at 10,000 pounds.

Applicant attests that the changes proposed are necessary protective measures rather than vehicles to increase revenues. If the application is granted, PSFB estimates that the increase in annual gross revenue on California intrastate traffic will be less than one-half of one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 9, 1979. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

HI-Holton Interurban Railway Company, NWP-Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company, P&SR-Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railroad Company, SD&AE-San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway Company, SP-Southern Pacific Company, and VE-Visalia Electric Railroad Company.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the increases resulting from the proposal are reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

- l. Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau, Agent, on behalf of Holton Interurban Railway Company, Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company, Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railroad Company, San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway Company, Southern Pacific Company and Visalia Electric Railroad Company participating in its Joint and Local All Rail also Joint Rail-Motor Class Rates Tariff 1016 is hereby authorized to amend Items 205 and 386, of said tariff, as specifically proposed in Application 58581.
- 2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
- 3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective thirty days after the date hereof.

day of FEBRUARY, 1979.