

Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of National Perishable)
 Freight Committee, H. R. Brandl)
 under the Shortened Procedure)
 Tariff Docket to make increases)
 in charges for Mechanical Pro-)
 tective Service contained in)
 Section 7 of Perishable Protective)
 Tariff PPT 619 account increases)
 in fuel costs.)

Shortened Procedure
 Tariff Docket
 Application No. 59374
 (Filed January 14, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, National Perishable Freight Committee, H. R. Brandl, Agent, seeks to increase its charges for mechanical protective services, provided by various railroad participants, by 21.1 percent to offset fuel increase costs that have recently occurred in the transportation of intrastate shipments of perishable freight.^{1/}

The Interstate Commerce Commission, during the calendar year 1979, authorized numerous railroads, on two separate occasions, increases in charges for the aforementioned services on interstate traffic. These increases equal the total amount that the carriers are now seeking on an intrastate basis. In a letter dated January 21, 1980, H. R. Brandl stated that the Southern Pacific Transportation Co. during the calendar year 1978, transported 257 shipments which required mechanical protective services.^{2/} The revenue derived from these accessorial services amounted to \$17,217.^{3/} If the sought increase of 21.1 percent were to be applied to the aforesaid 1978 yearly total, the increase would amount to \$3,633.

^{1/} The sought increase would be made applicable by tariff supplement to the Perishable Protective Tariff PPT 619.

^{2/} Revenues obtained in performing these accessorial services by the other intrastate rail carrier participants to the Perishable Protective Tariff PPT 619 were found to be infinitesimal.

^{3/} The revenues cited for the services performed during the calendar year 1978 are the latest available.

In no event will the proposal, if granted, increase the gross California intrastate revenue of the carriers on whose behalf this application is filed, by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 16, 1980. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

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

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. National Perishable Freight Committee, H. R. Brandl, Agent, on behalf of all carriers participating in its Perishable Protective Tariff PPT 619, is hereby authorized to publish supplements to the aforesaid tariff as specifically proposed in the application.

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 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.

Dated MAR 4 1980, at San Francisco, California.

Commissioner Claire T. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

John E. Gannon
President
Thomas L. Sturgeon
Charles W. Quack
Franklin J. Smith
Commissioners