

Decision No. 91942

JUN 17 1980

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application )  
of Tab Transportation, Inc., )  
seeking authority to increase )  
rates for its account in Western )  
Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, )  
Warehouse Tariff No. 1 and Tab )  
Transportation, Inc., Warehouse )  
Tariff No. 1 applicable for )  
storage and handling in Southern )  
California. )

Application No. 59606  
(Filed April 18, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

Applicant is a public utility warehouseman for the storage of general commodities at Bell Gardens. The rates, rules and regulations governing applicant's operations are contained in Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Warehouse Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 35 and Tab Transportation, Inc., Warehouse Tariff No. 1, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1.

Applicant requests authority to increase its rates by approximately 9 percent. The requested rate increase has been determined by applicant without consultation or agreement with any other warehouseman and is within the President's wage-price guidelines.

Applicant alleges that its present rates do not yield sufficient revenue to allow it to conduct its warehouse operations at a reasonable profit. Applicant further alleges that additional revenue is required because of increased costs in all phases of operation, the most significant being the increased cost of plant and clerical labor.

Applicant's rates were last adjusted pursuant to authority granted by Decision 90629 dated July 31, 1979 in Application 58893.

Exhibit B, attached to the application, contains revenue and expense data for the test year ending December 31, 1979 together with adjustments to reflect the proposed increase in revenue should the application be granted. The exhibit discloses that during the test year

applicant realized a profit of \$24,221 and an operating ratio of 96.3 percent. Had the sought rates been in effect during the test year, with costs adjusted to reflect current expenses, applicant would have realized a profit of \$24,409 and an operating ratio of 96.5 percent.

Notice of the proposed increase was sent to each of applicant's storers. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

FINDINGS

1. Applicant's rates were last adjusted by Decision 90629 dated July 31, 1979, in Application 58893.
2. Since applicant's rates were last adjusted it has experienced increases in operating expenses, the most significant being the increased cost of plant and clerical labor.
3. Under the increase sought herein applicant estimates it will realize additional revenue of \$60,020 and an operating ratio of 96.5 percent.
4. The proposed increases in applicant's rates and charges have been shown to be justified.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Tab Transportation, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased rates proposed in Application 59606. 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 five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five 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. Nothing in this opinion and order constitutes a finding of fact regarding the reasonableness of any particular rate or charge filed to this order, and applicant, by reason of this declaration,

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has no ground to contend to the contrary in any proceeding under Section 734 of the Public Utilities Code or in any other proceeding.

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

Dated JUN 17 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Byrne  
President

Thomas L. Sturgeon

Clair T. Dwyer

Thomas M. Quinn  
Commissioners

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