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Decision No. 92076 JUL 29 1980

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Pedro Marine,)	
Inc., for approval of rate)	Application No. 59540
increase.)	(Filed March 26, 1980)
)	(Amendment Filed July 17, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, San Pedro Marine, Inc., a vessel common carrier operating within the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and between these ports to marine installations, ships and vessels at offshore points between Oceanside and Santa Barbara, seeks to publish increases in its Vessel Carrier Tariff, Cal. P.U.C. No. 1.

Applicant's present rates were established under authority of the Commission's Decision No. 90334, dated May 22, 1979 in Application No. 58111 and Case 10603, and became effective July 10, 1979. Financial data prepared by applicant detailing operating expenses justify the needed increases in rates and charges.

Applicant's data disclosed the need to increase its rates and charges because of increased costs being experienced in all phases of its operations. Since commencement of operations in July 1979, applicant has sought to provide a 24 hour - 7 days per week - lightering service. Without the additional revenue applicant is seeking, it would suffer undue hardships and service to the public would be jeopardized. Applicant, therefore, having an immediate need for this rate relief, requests that the relief be made effective as of the date of this order.

The proposed increase approximating 8 percent is within the President's wage-price guidelines.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 27 and July 22, 1980. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Findings

1. Applicant's rates were established by Decision No. 90334 dated May 22, 1979 in Application No. 58111 and Case 10603.
2. Since applicant's rates were published, it has experienced increases in all phases of its operating expenses.
3. The proposed increases in applicant's rates and charges have been shown to be justified.
4. 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 should be the date hereof because there is an immediate need for this rate relief.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. San Pedro Marine, Inc. is authorized to establish the increased rates as specifically proposed in Application 59540 as amended. 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 ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
2. The authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated JUL 29 1980 , at San Francisco, California.

John E. Boyce
President

Vernon L. Sturgeon

Robert D. Hoyle

Donald W. Lewis

Clare J. DeFuria
Commissioners