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Decision No. 92396 NOV. 4 1980

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Willig Freight)
Lines under Shortened Procedure)
Tariff Docket for authority to)
amend Items 470, Minimum Charges;))
4780, Plastic or Rubber Articles;))
5780, Petroleum or Petroleum)
Products; and 6050, Paper of)
Willig Freight Lines, Local)
Freight Tariff No. 5, Cal. P.U.C.)
No. 5, and For authority to)
depart from the terms of Sections))
452, 454, 460 and 491 of the)
Public Utilities Code when)
accomplishing proposed publica-)
tion.)

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Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 59897
(Filed August 22, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Willig Freight Lines (Willig) seeks to amend four items in its Local Freight Tariff No. 5, Cal. P.U.C. No. 5. Among the sought changes, Willig seeks to amend the Minimum Charge Rule to the extent that when the carrier is tendered a single shipment weighing less than 250 pounds, the minimum charge shall be the applicable charge for 250 pounds. Applicant contends the present rule is non-compensatory in application and shipments are being transported at a loss. Carrier also proposes changes in three other items of the tariff, namely: additions to the commodity list - Plastic or Rubber Articles and amendments to the Petroleum Products and Paper commodity ratings. Willig states these changes should result in transportation cost savings for the shippers, and "increased productivity for the carrier and increased energy efficiency."

Willig further states that if the application is granted it would not increase carrier's gross revenue on intrastate traffic by as much as one percent. The amount of increase is within the President's wage-price guidelines. Authorization is sought under Sections 452, 454, 460 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code.

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

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the proposed changes are justified. 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. Willig Freight Lines is hereby authorized to publish amendments to its Local Freight Tariff No. 5, Cal. P.U.C. No. 5, 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.

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3. Willig Freight Lines in establishing and maintaining the rules authorized hereinabove is hereby authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 461.5 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations; such outstanding authorizations are hereby modified only to the extent necessary to comply with this order; and schedules containing the ratings published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

4. The authority herein granted 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 NOV 4 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Byron
President
Gregory L. Sturgeon
Richard D. Howell
Clarence T. Friedrich
Terrence J. ...
Commissioners