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Decision No.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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MAR 3-1987

Application of Willig Freight Lines, Under Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket to Amend Willig Freight Lines Tariff No. 5 Which Results In Increases.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 60116 (Filed December 2, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Willig Freight Lines (Willig) seeks authority to publish a rule in its Local Freight Tariff No. 5, Cal. P.U.C. No. 5 (Tariff 5) to increase charges on shipments which have a released value exceeding \$25 per pound.

Willig states that there is a greater risk in carrying expensive goods than in carrying inexpensive goods, and in paying loss or damage claims Willig must pay claims based on the value of the goods. According to Willig, there is a definite need for a transportation service involving high value shipments, but when shippers do notify Willig of the high value of a shipment, it invariably entails special arrangement with carrier's drivers, helpers and other employees leading to increased expenses which are presently being absorbed by Willig since no additional charges are applicable. Willig alleges that proposed charges more readily reflect the actual cost of performing the service of transporting high value merchandise.

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Willig estimates that, if the increase proposed in the application is granted, its annual dollar impact would be approximately \$220 and would not increase Willig's California intrastate revenue by as much as one percent. The results of the changes proposed in the application have no adverse impact on the Commission's transportation Energy Efficiency Plan as set forth in Decision No. 92541.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 5, 1980. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Findings of Fact:

1. The proposed increases are justified.

2. The following order complies with the Commission's Energy Efficiency Plan.

3. High value shipments entail special operations and increased expenses for Willig.

4. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the proposed changes are just and reasonable and the application should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order.

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IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Willig Freight Lines is authorized to amend its Local Freight Tariff No. 5, Cal. P.U.C. No. 5 as 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 granted herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated MAR 3 1981, at San Francisco, California.

Commissioners