

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

7/1/21

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

At a session of the Louisiana Public Service Commission held in its offices at the Capitol, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the first day of July, 1921, A. D., the Commission having been vested by the Constitution of 1921, effective on and after this date, with all necessary power and authority to supervise, govern, regulate and control all common carrier railroads, street railroads, interurban railroads, steamboats and other water craft, sleeping car, express, telephone, telegraph, gas, electric light, heat and power, water works, common carrier pipe lines, canals, (except irrigation canals), now, therefore, without prejudice to any future proceedings, and without at this time determining the reasonableness or unreasonableness thereof, all the rates, fares, tolls or charges and rules and regulations concerning or growing out of the service to be rendered by the common carrier railroads, street railroads, interurban railroads, steamboats and other water craft, sleeping car, express, telephone, telegraph, gas, electric light, heat and power, water works, common carrier pipe lines, and canals, coming under the control of this Commission, are hereby fixed by the Commission to be charged and applied, subject to review and revision at any time on complaint filed, or on investigation instituted by the Commission on its own motion or on application by the common carrier or public utility desiring to change, modify or cancel any of its fares, tolls, charges, rules or regulations, after hearing of interested parties. It is further,

ORDERED, That all of the common carriers and other public service companies which were subject to regulation and control by the Railroad Commission of Louisiana shall continue to issue, publish, and file for public inspection, their rates, fares, tolls, charges, tariffs, classifications and rules and regulations in the same manner as was provided by the rules, regulations and orders of the Railroad Commission of Louisiana, and shall continue to so issue, publish and file their said rates, fares, charges, tolls, tariffs, classifications and rules and regulations until further ordered. It is further,

ORDERED, That every street railway, interurban railway, gas, electric light, heat and power, water works, common carrier pipe line, canal (except irrigation canals) company, or firm or individual owning or operating any such utility on which tolls, rates, fares or charges are collected, shall, not later than July 31, 1921, print in tariff form, on white paper, measuring approximately 8½" by 11", all of the rates, fares, tolls, or charges, including special rates, and all rules and regulations connected with, concerning and growing out of the service to be rendered by such public utility.

(2) There shall be printed in bold face type on the front cover of each of said tariffs, the inscription:

"Published and filed in accordance  
with General Order No. 2, Louisiana  
Public Service Commission."

(3) Three copies of said tariffs shall be filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission in its office at Baton Rouge on or before July 31, 1921, and at least one copy of each tariff shall be kept on file in the General Office, and in

each agency office, of each of said common carriers or public utilities, which shall be subject at any time during business hours to inspection, upon request, by the public.

(4) There shall be no unjust discrimination, undue preference or advantage, or undue prejudice in favor of or against any shipper, passenger or user of any of the transportation facilities or services rendered by any common carrier or other public service corporation subject to supervision, regulation and control by this Commission, and no common carrier in this state shall charge, demand or receive a greater compensation for a shorter than a longer distance for the transportation of passengers or property, or the transmission of telegraph or telephone messages, between points within this state, except where specially authorized by the Louisiana Public Service Commission; provided, that nothing herein shall be used by any common carrier or other public service company as authority for making any changes in existing rates, fares, tolls, and charges now in effect, which existing rates, fares, tolls and charges shall remain in effect until further ordered.

(5) Nothing herein, or in the orders, rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Louisiana as they now exist, shall prevent the carriage, storage or handling of property free or at reduced rates, for the state, parish, city or town governments, where the state, parish, city or town government is the direct beneficiary of such free or reduced rates, or for charitable purposes, or to or from fairs and expositions for exhibition thereat, or the free carriage of destitute and homeless persons transported by charitable societies, and the necessary agents employed in such transportation, or the issuance of mileage, excursion, or commutation passenger tickets. It is further,

ORDERED, That no rates, classifications or charges for the transportation of property or passengers within this state shall be changed or reduced without the authority of the Commission, and all applications for changes in rates or classifications shall be filed with the Commission and be accompanied by a statement of the existing and proposed rates, and all of the reasons in support of the proposed changes, provided that nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing any common carrier to charge less for the transportation of passengers or property for a longer than for shorter distances, except upon special permission, granted, after investigation, by the Commission, and provided that the rate or charge to be made is reasonably compensatory for the distance. No authority for reductions in rates shall be granted on account of merely potential water competition, but where actual water competition exists, the Commission will consider applications for reductions in rail rates to meet such competition.

Whenever a carrier by railroad shall, in competition with a water route or routes, reduce any rate or rates on any commodity or commodities to, from or between competitive points, such carrier shall not be permitted to increase such rates unless, after hearing by the Commission, it shall be found that such proposed increase rests upon changed conditions other than the elimination of water competition.

Be it further,

ORDERED, That every company, firm or individual operating a common carrier railroad, street railroad, interurban railroad, steamboat or other water craft, sleeping car, express, telephone, telegraph, gas, electric light, heat and

power, water works, common carrier pipe line, and canal (except irrigation canal line, system, plant or business within this state, shall, within sixty days after the close of the year's business, render a report of its financial and operating conditions and results for the six months ending December 31, 1921, A.D., and annually thereafter for each calendar year. The said reports shall contain full and complete information, including capital account, operating expenses, operating revenues, and income account, and shall be sworn to by the officer or officers having personal knowledge of the facts set forth therein.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 1, 1921

(Seal)

SHELBY TAYLOR,

Chairman.

Commissioners:

JOHN T. MICHEL.

HENRY JASTREMSKI,

Secretary.