

RAIL FREIGHT RATES UNDER STUDY

Shippers Claim 'Discrimination' In New Tariffs

The Interstate Commerce Commission has begun an investigation of new, lower freight rates on the federally-owned Alaska Railroad which go into effect today.

A commission panel voted Tuesday to investigate the railroad's new rates after it received protests from a number of shippers and other parties.

The commission denied requests to suspend the rates until the investigation is completed.

The protests claim that the new rates are discriminatory and destructive against shippers and truckers using the Port of Anchorage and preferential to the ports of Whittier and Seward.

Objecting to the new rates are Sea-Land and Freight Services Inc., the Alaska Carriers Association, Alaska Sales and Services Inc., Alaska School Supply Co., Aurora Motors Inc., Berkeheimers Inc., the City of Palmer, Susina Plumbing Supply Co. and the Port of Anchorage.

"The rates we're protesting apply to rail activity between Anchorage and Fairbanks," said R. F. Hoehn, head of Sea-Land in Alaska. "In order for a shipper or carrier to use them, there must be a prior haul via the Alaska Railroad which means the cargo has got to be given to the railroad at Whittier."

"The rates are positive discrimination against Sea-Land, and all Port of Anchorage shippers. It's an effort by the railroad to subsidize other carriers coming into Whittier against those coming into Anchorage. Being a federal agency, the railroad should treat all ports and shippers in Alaska the same," Hoehn said.

John Manley, railroad general manager, said "These are standard distributive rates. Sea-Land has their own distributive rates, too. We don't think our rates are discriminatory any more than Sea-Land's are against us."

"Sea-Land is protesting our distributive rates and their own. They asked the ICC to suspend all distributive rates between Anchorage and Fairbanks pending the investigation," Manley said.

"The investigation will go into the distributive rates of both carriers—the railroad and Sea-Land," Manley explained.

Anchorage port director A. E. Harned said, "We protest the new rates because they are not available to shippers who come through the port of Anchorage. Consequently, we think they are discriminatory against the port."

"We are probably the railroad's biggest customer to Fairbanks and we cannot enjoy these rates," Hoehn said. Sea-Land is not against the

rates themselves, Hoehn pointed out, but only their discriminatory nature.

"We would like to see the railroad publish the lowest rates they can afford between Anchorage and Fairbanks but they should apply fairly to all customers," he said.

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Port Project Bid Date Set

Bids for the Port of Anchorage municipal terminal's north extension are expected to be opened early in July following the Port Commission's approval of preliminary plans for the facility.

Lounsbury, Sleavin and Kelly are designing the new extension. The 166-by-113 foot dock extension, estimated to cost three quarters of a million dollars, will be built with bond funds approved by voters earlier this year.

The extension will be built of pre-stressed concrete piling and slabs. A contract for the piling was awarded to Swalling Construction Co., bidding jointly with Concrete Technology Corp. The pilings now are being fabricated at the latter firm's Tacoma, Wash., plant. The first shipment is due in Anchorage in late June.

Pile driving is scheduled to begin in mid-July with the completion date estimated as early November.

Increased water traffic into the port makes the expansion of the single-berth terminal necessary. During May, the port expects to serve 19 large vessels. The extension will relieve congestion and delay, port officials say.

2 Anchorage Daily Times Saturday, May 8, 1965



PORTLAND'S GIFT DELIVERED HERE

Anchorage officials and civic leaders gathered on the City Hall lawn Friday afternoon to receive a gift from the Oregon city as direct sea cargo service between Portland and Anchorage began. Here Miss Anchorage Diane Jackson admires the plants, held by Robert E. Phillips, left, representing Sea-Land,

and City Councilman Chet Hostetler, representing the city. Sea-Land observes the first anniversary of its regular scheduled cargo carrier service into Anchorage from Seattle on Monday. Plants will go in City Hall gardens when the weather warms up.

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Port Will Get Plan Fund

The Community Facilities Administration has approved a \$50,000 public works planning advance to the City of Anchorage for tidelands planning, according to a telegram from the office of Sen. Ernest Gruening, D-Alaska.

The advance grant covers planning for an area north of the Port of Anchorage municipal terminal to Chester Creek.

Total cost of the project for which the planning grant was made and which would allow for further expansion of the port's industrial area, is about \$6 million. No funds are available at this time.

Planning is expected to begin within 30 calendar days and should be completed in about six months.

Port officials said the city will use local engineers for the work if possible.

The grant will cover planning for waterfront improvements which include water distribution lines, storm and sanitary sewers, roads, railroad sidings, landfills, the Chester Creek Lagoon and associated facilities.

A comprehensive development plan for city-owned tidelands will be prepared under the grant.

Future need of a sewage treatment plant in the tidelands area will be investigated under grant funds as will the effect construction of a small boat harbor on Ship Creek would have on adjoining lands.

Anchorage Daily News, Saturday, May 1, 1965

Shipborne Mail Arrives Here Sunday

The first shipment of regular mail to come to Alaska by sea in many years will arrive at the Port of Anchorage tomorrow night.

Postmaster Tony Schwamm said the shipment aboard the Sea-Land vessel contains five vans with 170,310 pounds of mail. Sea-Land recently won the contract for mail delivery. Previously it came by truck.

Anchorage Daily Times
Monday, May 10, 1965

\$6.2 Million Bonding Sale Plans Ready

The City of Anchorage is proposing to sell \$6.2 million in general obligation and revenue bonds this summer.

Two firms — Marshall and Meyer, Inc., and Governmental Statistical Corp. — have presented proposals for handling the sales.

The legal firm of Hughes, Thorsness and Lowe was asked to be retained as bond counsel for the sale.

The Anchorage City Council will determine Tuesday night, at its regular session, which firms will represent the city.

The mid-summer bond sales will cover:

— Petroleum dock, \$1,750,000 in general obligation bonds; general cargo berth extension at port, \$750,000 in general obligation bonds.

— Parks and recreation facilities, \$350,000 in general obligation bonds.

— Fire department pumper truck and alarm system extension, \$110,000 in general obligation bonds.

— Telephone extension, \$2,500,000 in revenue bonds.

— Water utility, \$775,000 in revenue bonds.

Hearing Set On Tidelands

The Anchorage City Council will hold a public hearing Tuesday on Union Oil Co.'s application to lease 3.23 acres of city tidelands.

The city's Port Commission has recommended leasing the land for 21 years with six five-year renewal options.

Proposed rent for the first 10 years is four cents per square foot per year.

The annual rent will be adjusted at the end of the first 10 years and each five years thereafter.

12 Anchorage Daily Times
Saturday, May 22, 1965

Maritime Day To Be Observed At City Terminal

Flags will be flying at the Port of Anchorage municipal terminal Monday in observance of National Maritime Day.

Don Walter, port business manager, said a brief ceremony will be held as the flags are raised.

Five American registry vessels will visit the port during the week, Walter said. One will come in on two different days.

They are the Sea-Land cargo ship Seattle on Monday, the Standard Oil tanker R. C. Stoner on Tuesday, the Sea-Land cargo vessel Summit on Wednesday, the Military Sea Transport Service tanker Saugatuck on Thursday, the Stoner on a return trip Thursday, the Union Oil tanker Santa Maria on Saturday.

This will be the Santa Maria's first visit to the Port of Anchorage since last fall when the vessel was involved in a collision with the tanker Sirrah.

National Maritime Day marks the 15th anniversary of the National Maritime Administration.

2 — Anchorage Daily News, Saturday, May 15, 1965



TUG BOATS cling to the side of a massive 3,000-ton support structure for an offshore oil drilling tower, steadying it following its launching at Oakland, Calif. The structure will shortly be towed here where it will be positioned

upright in Cook Inlet. It will then be outfitted with a two-story work deck and drilling tower and placed in operation as a permanent oil drilling and producing tower.

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