

Program No. 4.—Supervision and interpretation of tariffs

1. What is the nature of and authority for this program?

Most of this program is required by the provisions of section 6, section 20(11), section 22, and section 409, and related sections of the Interstate Commerce Act. These sections require the filing of tariffs, contracts, concurrences, and powers of attorney, section 22 quotations or tenders, and permit the filing of applications for waiver of the provisions of section 20(11) relating to released rates authority, and section 6 and related sections of the act relating to authority to establish rates, fares, or charges upon less than statutory notice, or depart from the Commission's established tariff publishing rules.

2. Who is the person primarily in charge of this program at the operative level (name and title)?

Mr. Edward H. Cox, Director, Bureau of Traffic.

3. How much money and capital equipment is available under this program for fiscal year 1968?

A total of \$1,757,136, which includes \$6,000 for capital equipment is available for fiscal 1968.

4. Would you describe the output generated by this program?

Most of this activity is required by statutory provisions and includes certain support activity. The Bureau must receive and handle all matters for which it is responsible and performs such duties as are required by the statute and as are delegated to it by the Commission. It examines tariffs for form, construction, and compliance with Commission orders and the statute. It receives quotations and tenders filed under section 22 of the act for the U.S. Government and makes them available for public inspection, and receives and examines contracts between (1) motor contract carriers and shippers, and (2) contracts between freight forwarders and motor carriers. It considers and disposes of applications for authority to limit the carriers liability which are filed under the provisions of section 20(11) of the act and receives, analyzes, and disposes of applications filed under section 6 and related sections of the act for authority to make changes in rates on less than statutory notice and to depart from the Commission's tariff publishing rules.

It also provides rate information and interpretations of published tariffs and schedules for the Commission and its staff; assists in the settlement of informal complaints between shippers and carriers of controversies involving the proper interpretations of tariffs; and processes reparation applications.

It maintains a file of tariffs and other material which is available for inspection by the public at all times.

5. Can you quantify this output in any way?

In fiscal year 1967, there were 215,540 tariffs and schedules received. Of this number, 24,582 were criticized for failure to comply with the Commission's tariff publishing rules and other matters, and 3,703 were rejected for failure to give statutory notice, failure to comply with orders of the Commission and for other reasons. There were 9,336 powers of attorney and concurrences filed, of which 1,857 were criticized for failure to be filed in the proper form or to be properly executed. Thirty thousand eight hundred and thirty-two quotations of reduced rates filed pursuant to section 22 for transportation of property for the U.S. Government were filed and made available for public inspection.

Six thousand seven hundred and eighteen special permission applications were analyzed and disposed of, and 83 released rate applications were disposed of.

There were 2,259 informal complaints regarding rates, service, and other matters disposed of, and 465 applications by carriers subject to parts I and III of the act for authority to award reparation. The reparation involved in these applications and approved totaled \$1,202,266.

6. Would you describe the principal operations that are involved in producing this output?

a. Examination of tariffs, schedules, and contracts for compliance with the provisions of the act, the Commission's tariff publishing rules, and orders of the Commission.

b. Examination of all powers of attorney, concurrences and section 22 quotations or tenders for compliance with the statute and the Commission's regulations as to form and execution.

c. Applications for authority under section 20(11) of the act are analyzed by a member of the staff to determine the merits of the application and to make a recommendation to the Released Rates Board for disposition. The Released