

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 67328

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc.,)	
a Corporation, for authority under)	Application No. 46273
Section Nos. 454 and 491 to estab-)	(Filed March 11, 1964)
lish certain arbitrary rate)	
provisions.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., on behalf of carriers party to its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 3-D, Cal.P.U.C. No. 25 (Elmer Ahl, Agent, Series), seeks authority under Sections 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code to publish on five days' notice a rate of 7 cents per 100 pounds to be added to the rate otherwise applicable for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk in tank vehicles to certain points in a mountainous area of eastern Tulare County.

The proposed rate would apply to or from points beyond 9-Mile Canyon Road Bridge, which crosses the south fork of the Kern River on 9-Mile Canyon Road in Tulare County. Applicant states that 9-Mile Canyon Road is a road containing a high percentage of grades and extends from a point approximately seven miles south of Little Lake on U. S. Highway No. 395 in Inyo County, to the south fork of the Kern River in Tulare County, and approximately ten miles beyond the river, in which area deliveries of petroleum products are being made. The establishment of the proposed rate assertedly is necessary due to the extremely primitive nature of the area. Applicant states that motor carriers are experiencing extremely high transit time in

this area, and their equipment is subject to considerable mechanical strain in operating under the existing conditions. Based upon time and load computations experienced, applicant states that the proposed added rate of 7 cents per 100 pounds would result in an extra charge of \$35 per loaded truck and trailer, which approximates the estimated added costs incurred.

Applicant states that oil company shippers have been informed of the proposed added rate and have offered no objection.

The certificate of service shows that the application was served on March 9, 1964, upon California Trucking Association and upon 14 oil company shippers, among others. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the proposed rate and increases resulting therefrom are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted. Applicant will be authorized to establish the proposed rate on ten days' notice to the Commission and the public.

IT IS ORDERED that:

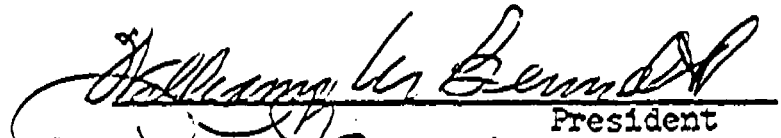
1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., is hereby authorized to establish in Item No. 300 of its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 3-D, Cal.P.U.C. No. 25 (Elmer Ahl, Agent, Series), a rate of 7 cents per 100 pounds as proposed in Application No. 46273.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date hereof on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public.

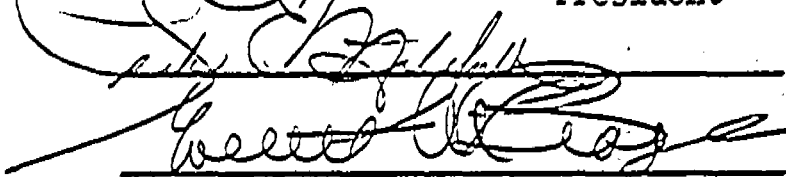
3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

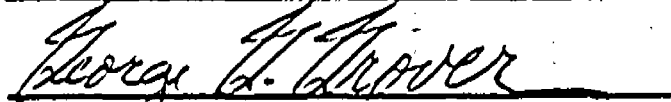
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of June, 1964.



President



Commissioners



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