

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 68214

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 permission to)	Application No. 46897
establish on behalf of certain of)	(Filed August 17, 1964)
its member carriers Increased Charges)	
for the Transportation of Freight)	
Requiring Low-Bed Equipment.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. seeks authority to increase certain tariff rates and charges which it publishes, on behalf of participating highway common carriers, for the transportation of freight requiring the use of low-bed equipment.¹ For this specialized service, rates and accessorial charges are published on an hourly basis. Minimum rates for such transportation have not been established in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.

Applicant proposes to increase the present hourly rates and accessorial charges published on this exempt traffic by approximately eight and one-half percent (8½%), and to publish these increased rates and charges on five days' notice to the Commission and to the public. As justification for the proposed increases,

¹ Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 6, Cal.P.U.C. No. 14 (J. L. Beeler, Agent, Series) hereinafter referred to as Tariff No. 6. This tariff is filed on behalf of approximately twelve (12) carriers, most of whom are authorized to transport oil, water, and gas-well outfits and supplies and certain other property more specifically set forth in said carriers' individual operating rights.

applicant refers to the last major adjustment in the rates and charges named in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2.²

Applicant states that, among other increases prescribed by Decision No. 67443, rates for oil, water, and gas well supplies and equipment were increased 8½ percent. Accordingly, authority is sought in this application to increase the exempt hourly rates for low-bed trailer service on the same basis that nonexempt hourly rates on oilfield equipment were increased. Applicant further states that the justification in support of the increases in minimum hourly oilfield rates is applicable also to hourly rates for low-bed equipment.

Applicant avers that it is the policy of the Commission, as stated in Decision No. 62915, dated December 5, 1961, (unreported),

" . . . that it is appropriate and proper that general commodities for which rates have not been established should bear their fair share of the increased cost of performing the transportation services. . . ."

Applicant declares that the sought increases are urgently needed in order to allow the carriers involved, when transporting commodities requiring the use of low-bed equipment, to be compensated for their services on a basis that will provide a fair return and so that this specific type of transportation will not be a burden on their other traffic.

The certificate of service shows that a copy of the application was served by mail upon various interested parties on or about August 14, 1964. No objection to the granting of this application has been received.

²By Decision No. 67443, dated June 24, 1964 (unreported), the rates in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2 were increased and highway common carriers were authorized to increase class rates for transportation of commodities for which minimum rates have not been established. However, authority was not granted to highway common carriers to increase their commodity rates applicable to transportation of commodities for which minimum rates have not been established.

The Commission finds that the proposed increases are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The application will be granted. Applicant will be authorized to publish the proposed rates and charges on ten days' notice.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., is authorized to establish the increased rates and charges as proposed in Appendix A of Application No. 46897.

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 of this order on not less than ten 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of November, 1964.

Frederick B. Holladay
President
Ray E. Dyer
Robert W. Rago
George E. Traver
William M. Bennett
Commissioners