

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 69296

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., under the Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket to publish a special rule in certain of its tariffs covering shipments requiring hand-to-hand signature service.)	Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 47537 (Filed April 30, 1965)
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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority to publish for and on behalf of carriers participating in two of its tariffs a special rule for shipments requiring hand-to-hand signature service.¹ The proposed rule would provide a special charge to be applied, in addition to all rates and other applicable charges, of 30 cents per one hundred pounds per shipment, but not less than \$7.50 per shipment nor more than \$25.00 per shipment when such service is requested.

Applicant states that carriers participating in the subject tariffs are being requested from time to time to render a specific type of service generally referred to as hand-to-hand signature service. This special service means that each person who handles a shipment (physically or otherwise) will sign a written record or receipt while the shipment is in the possession of the carrier or its agent and the carrier will secure signature for such written record or receipt from the consignee or its agent.

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The tariffs are Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15 and California Common Carrier Motor Freight Local and Joint Tariff No. 10, Cal. P.U.C. No. 2 (Interstate Freight Carriers Conference, Inc., Agent, series).

Applicant avers that the very nature of hand-to-hand signature service requires considerably more expense than that applicable to a comparable shipment which is not accorded this special service. It is alleged that, without a special charge being applied to this service, ordinary traffic is bearing part of the extra expense incurred by the carriers. Applicant asserts that the increases resulting from application of the proposed rule would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of any of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

The application was listed in the Commission's Daily Calendar on May 3, 1965. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the publication of the special rule as proposed in this application is justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized to publish on behalf of carriers participating in its Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, and California Common Carrier Motor Freight Local and Joint Tariff No. 10, Cal.P.U.C. No. 2 (Interstate Freight Carriers Conference, Inc., Agent, series) a special rule for shipments requiring hand-to-hand signature service as proposed in this application.

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

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3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty 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 22nd day of June, 1965.

Frederick P. Hallock
President
George H. Grover
Commissioners
William W. Belmont