

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 69564

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 for and on behalf of certain of its participating carriers tariff provisions resulting in increases because of proposed restrictions against the use of "Low-bed" equipment.)
Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 47694 (Filed June 22, 1965)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority to publish for and on behalf of all carriers participating in its Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 101, Cal.P.U.C. No. 4 (Tariff No. 101), a rule in the above tariff providing that the rates named therein shall not apply on commodities of abnormal size or weight, which because of such size or weight require the use of low-bed equipment.

According to applicant, Tariff No. 101 includes only rail competitive rates which in almost all respects apply only on iron or iron and steel articles and are basically below the level of rates generally prescribed by the Commission as minimum for the same movement. It is averred that the carriers involved do not want to be placed in a position of transporting any commodity, which may require the use of low-bed equipment, under the aforementioned low level of rates since operations in such equipment are, by their very nature, conducted at higher labor and equipment costs than those in conventional equipment.

Applicant declares that it has developed from a questionnaire sent to all carriers participating in Tariff No. 101 that no carrier as yet has been called upon to transport shipments requiring low-bed equipment under the rates named therein. It is alleged that the threat of such a movement is continually present in the absence of a tariff restriction to the contrary.

Applicant states that it is unaware of any shipper who would have other than a casual interest in its proposed application and, by letter supplementing the application, asserts that the increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of any of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar on June 23, 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 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 and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 101, Cal.P.U.C. No. 4, a rule restricting the rates named therein as proposed in this application.

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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.

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 7th day of August, 1965.

Fredrick B. Hallock
President

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George T. Grover

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Commissioners