

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 69625

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)	Shortened Procedure
for and on behalf of certain of its)	Tariff Docket
participating carriers tariff pro-)	Application No. 47736
visions resulting in increases)	(Filed July 9, 1965)
because of proposed restrictions)	
against the use of "Low-bed")	
equipment.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority to publish for and on behalf of all carriers, except Pacific Motor Transport Company, who participate in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 109, Cal.P.U.C. No. 13 (Tariff No. 109), a rule 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 and are transported on low-bed equipment.

According to applicant, Tariff No. 109 names only rail competitive rates which apply on specific commodities and which are basically below the level of rates generally prescribed by the Commission as minimum for the transportation thereof. It is averred that the carriers involved do not want to be placed in a position of transporting any commodity which might otherwise be included under the technical descriptions contained in Tariff No. 109 but which, by reason of its size or weight, would require to be transported on low-bed equipment. Applicant declares that operations involving low-bed equipment are, by their very nature, conducted at higher labor and equipment costs than those in conventional types of equipment.

Applicant states that Pacific Motor Transport Company has advised applicant that it has had occasion to utilize specific rates in Tariff No. 109 for the transportation of shipments on low-bed equipment and, consequently, has requested applicant to exclude it as a carrier subject to the provisions of the proposed rule if and when it is published.

On the basis of a questionnaire sent to all carriers participating in Tariff No. 109 applicant has developed that, except for Pacific Motor Transport Company, no carrier has been called upon to transport shipments requiring low-bed equipment under the rates in that tariff. It is asserted that the threat of such a movement is continually present in the absence of a tariff restriction excluding such movements.

Applicant states that it is unaware of any shipper who would have other than a casual interest in the proposed application. Applicant 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 of July 12, 1965. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that 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 all carriers, except Pacific Motor Transport Company, participating in its Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and

