

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 70286

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)
increases in rates resulting from)
the cancellation of existing joint)
rates between Alta Freight and)
Transfer, Inc. and West Coast Fast)
Freight.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 48087
(Filed December 1, 1965)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority to cancel joint rates currently in effect between Alta Freight and Transfer, Inc., and West Coast Fast Freight.¹

Applicant alleges that the joint rates involved, which have been maintained by these two carriers for some time, have proved to be completely undesirable from an operating standpoint and have never been used to any great extent. It is further alleged that no freight has been interchanged between the above carriers since June of 1965.

Applicant avers that the aforementioned joint rates would, if canceled as proposed herein, result in the application of higher combination rates in the event any traffic moves via the routes involved. According to applicant, the need to apply combination rates on such traffic is only of a technical nature since no traffic is actually moving via the aforesaid carriers under these joint rates.

¹ Both of these carriers are highway common carriers. The joint rates involved herein are published in Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposed cancellation of the joint rates in question would not increase the gross revenue, either individually or jointly, of the carriers involved herein by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 2, 1965. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the cancellation of joint rates, 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., is hereby authorized to cancel joint rates published on behalf of the carriers named herein 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.

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 25th day of January, 1966.

Frederick B. Holbrook
President
Edwin J. Lohr
George E. Hoover
Augustus
William B. Bennett
Commissioners