

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 70432

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)	Shortened Procedure
Paxton Trucking Company tariff provisions)	Tariff Docket
resulting in increases because of proposed)	Application No. 48160
changes in special labor charges and low-)	(Filed January 3, 1966)
bed and other equipment charges.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority to publish, on behalf of Paxton Trucking Company, revised hourly rates and accessorial charges on commodities transported in low-bed and conventional type equipment which, because of abnormal size or weight, require specialized handling service.¹

Applicant proposes to (1) publish hourly vehicle unit rates based on weight capacities of 30,000 pounds and over 30,000 pounds in lieu of 5 graduated weight capacities for the transportation of property in conventional type equipment;² (2) increase such 30,000 and over 30,000-pound hourly rates to \$13.50 and \$14.50, respectively;³ (3) eliminate the 6,000 and 12,000-pound hourly rates for the transportation of property on low-bed equipment; and (4) increase the 20,000-pound straight time and overtime hourly rates from \$13.15 and \$15.95 to \$14.00 and \$16.50, respectively, and the 30,000-pound straight time and overtime hourly rates from \$14.15 and \$16.95 to

¹The rates and accessorial charges are set forth in Items Nos. 1990, 2000, 3000 and 3020 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local Freight Tariff No. 106, Cal.P.U.C. No. 11.

²The current weight capacities are 10,500, 20,000, 30,000 and 40,000 pounds and over 40,000 pounds.

³The current 10,500, 20,000, 30,000, 40,000 and over 40,000-pound hourly rates are \$9.50, \$10.60, \$10.85, \$11.75 and \$13.25, respectively.

\$14.50 and \$17.50, respectively, in connection with the transportation of property on low-bed equipment.

Applicant further proposes to (1) eliminate the job classification of Dry Freight Helper and, in lieu thereof, apply the job classification of Teamster Helper to carrier employees performing accessorial services; and (2) increase the accessorial charges for services performed by various special types of labor.⁴

Applicant states that the proposed adjustments in the weight brackets are necessary because Paxton Trucking Company no longer maintains equipment with a capacity of less than 20,000 pounds and incurs the same driver pay scale when it transports shipments of lesser weights. It is averred that the carrier transports heavy machinery and similar commodities which require more substantial equipment and specially trained personnel. Applicant alleges that, though the rates and accessorial charges for the specialized services involved have not been increased since August of 1964, considerable increases in costs to the carrier have occurred since that time.

Applicant asserts that the increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of Paxton Trucking Company by as much as one percent.

⁴The present and proposed accessorial charges per hour for services performed by carrier employees in the job classifications indicated are as follows:

	<u>Straight Time</u>		<u>Overtime</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Job Superintendent	\$8.50	\$10.40	*	\$10.40
Teamster Foreman	7.75	8.05	*	10.85
Teamster Helpers	6.35	7.00	*	9.85
Machinery Movers	7.25	7.70	*	10.50

*An additional charge equal to the cost of the overtime is assessed.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 4, 1966. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the establishment of rates and accessorial charges 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 in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 106, Cal.P.U.C. No. 11, on behalf of Paxton Trucking Company, rates and accessorial charges for the transportation of property 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 7th day of March, 1966.

Fredrick B. Holdehoff
President

George A. Crow
Secretary

William C. Bennett
Commissioners