

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 70687

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 the publication of a special rule and other provisions pertaining to rates and ratings to be applied in connection with the movement of household goods and personal effects.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 48292 (Filed March 8, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, for and on behalf of all carriers participating in certain of its tariffs,¹ to: (1) cancel exception ratings of second class, less truckload, and Class B, minimum weight 20,000 pounds, on crated used household goods and personal effects;² (2) provide that ratings of first class, less truckload, and third class, minimum weight 12,000 pounds, would govern the rates for the transportation of such commodities;³ (3) apply the rates under the proposed ratings from terminal at point of origin to carrier's terminal at

¹ The tariffs are Local and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 104-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 23; Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 106, Cal.P.U.C. No. 11; and Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

² These ratings are published in Items Nos. 2340, 2350 and 2365 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Exception Sheet No. 1-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 18.

³ These ratings are set forth in Item 100240, Sub 1, of National Motor Freight Classification A-8 (CAL) as governed by National Motor Freight Classification A-8.

final point of destination with one exception;⁴ and (4) publish separate rates of \$1.25 per 100 pounds, minimum charge \$2.50, for pickup and delivery services when requested and performed at locations which are not warehouses or transportation terminals.

According to applicant, the highway common carriers involved herein are mainly engaged in the transportation of general commodities. Applicant declares that the carriers have occasionally transported shipments of crated used household goods and personal effects and have found, through experience, that rates based on the existing exception ratings have not been compensatory. Applicant alleges that such shipments have proved to be less of a drain on the carriers' revenues when picked up or delivered at warehouses or transportation terminals than at other points where the carriers have been consistently encountering delays. Applicant avers that rates based on the proposed ratings and additional charges for pickup and delivery are necessary in order that the carriers may transport such shipments without incurring out-of-pocket losses.

Applicant states that the proposed ratings and charges were formally considered at a meeting of its Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 1390 (amended) and that circularization of the proposed tariff provisions and the results of the committee's actions thereon was made to the carriers and shippers involved. No carriers or shippers registered any opposition to the proposal.

⁴ The exception provides that the rates include pickup and delivery service on shipments picked up at and/or delivered to a warehouse or transportation terminal.

Applicant asserts that the increases resulting from the tariff provisions proposed herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue derived, either jointly or individually, by any of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 9, 1966. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that cancellation of the exception ratings and publication of other provisions for the transportation of crated used household goods and personal effects as proposed in this application are 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 cancel, on behalf of all carriers participating in its Exception Sheet No. 1-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 18, exception ratings provided therein for the transportation of crated used household goods and personal effects as proposed in this application.

2. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized to publish, on behalf of all carriers participating in its Local and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 104-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 23, Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 106, Cal.P.U.C. No. 11, and Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, provisions governing the application of rates for the transportation of crated used household goods and personal effects as proposed in this application.

3. 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.

4. 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 10th day of May, 1966.

Frederick B. Hallock

President

George G. Deaver

Secretary

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Commissioner

William M. Blinn

Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.