

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 70728

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 various carriers tariff provisions resulting in increases because of the cancellation of a specific exception rating on fertilizers.)	Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 48279 (Filed March 3, 1966)
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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. seeks authority, on behalf of certain carriers, (1) to cancel the truckload exception rating of 80 percent of Class E, minimum weight 30,000 pounds, applicable to the transportation of various fertilizers and (2) to publish, concurrently with the proposed cancellation, a truckload exception rating of Class E, minimum weight 30,000 pounds, for such transportation.¹

Applicant avers that the common carriers participating in tariffs governed by Exception Sheet No. 1-A transport general commodities and do not specialize in the transportation of fertilizers. Applicant states that these carriers have determined that the transportation of fertilizers in truckloads is not compensatory under rates based on the rating of 80 percent of Class E. Applicant declares that the proposed Class E rating would provide

¹ The truckload rating of 80 percent of Class E is set forth in Item No. 1600 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Exception Sheet No. 1-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 18 (Exception Sheet No. 1-A). This rating is applied by all carriers participating in Exception Sheet No. 1-A except Di Salvo Trucking Co. This carrier already publishes a Class E rating for the transportation involved. The proposed Class E rating would be published in Item No. 1610 of Exception Sheet No. 1-A and would be more closely related to the classification ratings on fertilizers.

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compensatory rates for the occasional shipments of fertilizers, which may be transported by the carriers involved.

Applicant alleges that the revision of the exception rating on fertilizers was formally considered by its Statewide General Commodity Standing Rate Committee under its Docket No. 1383 and that circularization of the proposed revision and the results of the committee's action thereon was made known to a large mailing list of carriers and shippers. No shippers or carriers registered any opposition to the establishment of the proposed revision.

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 March 4, 1966. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that publication of the exception rating on fertilizers 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 Exception Sheet No. 1-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 18, an exception rating for the transportation of fertilizers 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 or 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 17th day of May, 1966.

Frederick B. Holdhoff
President
Paul E. Ditchell
George H. Grover
Augustus
William W. Beebe
Commissioners