

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 70824

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 Ringsby-Pacific Ltd. tariff provisions resulting in increases because of the proposed cancellation of certain specific commodity rate items.)	Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 48322 (Filed March 18, 1966)
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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Ringsby-Pacific Ltd. (Ringsby) to cancel certain rail competitive rates.¹

Applicant alleges that Ringsby has, from time to time, published in Tariff No. 109 numerous rail competitive rates and that the rail competitive rates herein involved no longer move traffic via Ringsby. Rail rates are not increased concurrently with increases in motor carrier costs.

Applicant avers that Ringsby has determined that these unused rates should be canceled because: (1) there has been virtually no movement of traffic via Ringsby under the rates proposed to be canceled; (2) they serve no useful purpose; (3) they constitute a latent threat to future revenue requirements; and (4) they result in unnecessary tariff expense.

Applicant asserts that the increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase Ringsby's California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent.

¹ These rates apply on canned goods, paints, paint materials, paper, paper articles, foodstuffs and roofing, building or paving materials and they are set forth in Items Nos. 1160, 1161, 1163, 1165, 1169, 1169.5, 1170, 1173, 1184, 1185, 1186, 1186.5, 1271, 1280, 1285, 1286, 1288, 1288.5, 1290, 1291, 1719.5, 1792, 1793, 1949.7, 2521 and 2544.5 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 109, Cal.P.U.C. No. 13, hereinafter referred to as Tariff No. 109.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 21, 1966. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the increases resulting from the cancellation of the rail competitive rates 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 the participation of Ringsby-Pacific Ltd. in various rail competitive rates as proposed in the 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 8th day of June, 1966.

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Frederick B. Hallock
President
John E. Mitchell
George J. Crowe
Augustine
Commissioners