Decision No. 70852

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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 Paxton Trucking)
Company tariff provisions resulting)
in increases because of proposed)
changes in connection with a rule)
providing for charges for escort)
service.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 48364 (Filed April 1, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority to publish, on behalf of Paxton Trucking Company (Paxton), amended tariff provisions pertaining to the assessment of charges for escort service.

Applicant states that the present hourly and mileage charges published on behalf of Paxton apply only for the time and distance that the vehicle and driver are actually engaged in escort service. Applicant proposes to publish the same hourly and mileage charges for such escort service but to compute the charges for the time and distance that the vehicle and driver are actually engaged in escort service and travelling from and to Paxton's terminal to the point where the service commences and from the point where the service is completed.

Applicant declares that Paxton has been called upon to move escort-type equipment a number of miles from its terminal, that a considerable amount of time has been involved in such movements and that the current tariff provisions do not compensate the carrier

The proposed tariff provisions are currently in effect for the account of other carriers as published in Paragraph B of Item No. 90 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

for such service. According to applicant, Paxton has found, from its experience in furnishing escort service, that it must assess charges for this service from the time the escort equipment leaves its terminal until it is returned thereto in order that such charges may be compensatory.

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

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

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that the publication of charges for escort service, on behalf of Paxton Trucking Company, 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, on behalf of Paxton Trucking Company, charges for escort service in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, 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 day of June, 1966.

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