

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 71048

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor Tariff )  
Bureau, Inc. under the Shortened Pro- )  
cedure Tariff Docket to publish for )  
and on behalf of certain of its )  
participating carriers tariff pro- )  
visions resulting in increases because )  
of the publication of a special pro- )  
vision dealing with the application of )  
joint rates under specifically out- )  
lined circumstances. )

Shortened Procedure  
Tariff Docket  
Application No. 48407  
(Filed April 19, 1966)  
(Amended July 11, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, as amended, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority to publish in one of its tariffs, for and on behalf of all carriers participating therein, a rule providing that combination rates will apply in lieu of joint rates on shipments that are transported from and/or to points not located on highways shown on the maps in the Commission's Distance Table No. 5 or points not located in an area specifically defined in said distance table.<sup>1</sup>

According to applicant, joint-rate arrangements maintained between various carriers participating in Tariff No. 111 have generally been beneficial to both shippers and carriers except in connection with shipments which are transported to and/or from the aforementioned points. Applicant states that shipments moving to and/or from such

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<sup>1</sup> The tariff involved is Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15 (Tariff No. 111).

points must be transported without the benefit of revenue from other traffic moving to and/or from the same points such as develops in connection with a normal on-highway traffic pattern. Applicant declares that these shipments are placing an undue burden on other traffic and that the transportation involved should bear its full share of the carriers' operating expenses.

Applicant alleges that the proposed rule was formally considered by its Statewide General Commodity Standing Rate Committee under its Docket No. 1357 and that the rule and the results of the Committee's action thereon were circularized. No shippers or carriers registered any opposition to the proposed tariff provision.

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 and amendment were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 20 and July 12, 1966, respectively. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from the publication of the rule as proposed in this application, as amended, are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application, as amended, should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized to publish a tariff rule in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, as proposed in the application, as amended.

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1966.

*Arthur E. Mitchell* President  
*George E. Brewer*  
*Frederick B. Stobbe*  
*Augustus*  
*William W. Bennett* Commissioners