

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 71050

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)	Shortened Procedure
increases in rates resulting from)	Tariff Docket
the cancellation of existing joint)	Application No. 48443
rates between Associated Freight)	(Filed May 2, 1966)
Lines and James L. Chase, doing)	
business as Kern Valley Transfer.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority to cancel joint rates currently in effect between Associated Freight Lines and James L. Chase, doing business as Kern Valley Transfer.¹

Applicant alleges that the joint rates, which have been maintained in Tariff No. 111 by these two carriers for some time, have only been used to a limited extent. It is further alleged that certain operational and accounting problems have developed in the handling of traffic under the joint rates and, as a result thereof, relatively high expenses have been incurred.

Applicant avers that, should the joint rates be canceled as proposed herein, the limited amount of traffic now handled thereunder would move under joint-rate arrangements with other carriers. According to applicant, the proposed cancellation of joint rates would not deprive the public of any transportation service or economic advantage.

¹ Both of these carriers are highway common carriers. The joint rates involved are published in Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, hereinafter referred to as Tariff No. 111.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposed cancellation of joint rates would not increase the gross revenue, either individually or jointly, of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 3, 1966. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from the cancellation of joint 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., is hereby authorized to cancel joint rates published on behalf of the carriers named herein 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.

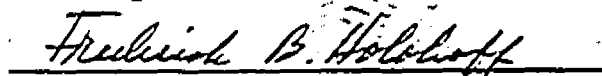
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of July, 1966.



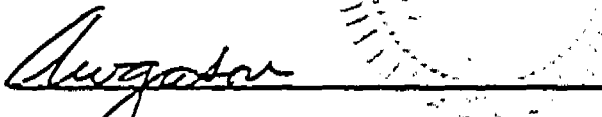
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