

Decision No. 71081

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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
certain of its participating
carriers tariff provisions resulting
in increases because of the
publication of special provisions
in connection with Christmas Trees
insofar as split delivery is con-
cerned.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 48451
(Filed May 5, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority to publish in one of its tariffs, for and on behalf of all carriers participating therein, amended split delivery provisions pertaining to the transportation of natural Christmas trees.¹

Applicant proposes to amend the tariff by providing that split delivery shipments of natural Christmas trees shall be limited to two component parts and that each component part shall be contained in a separate unit of equipment.

Applicant states that the carriers involved have determined from experience that the handling of natural Christmas trees on a split delivery basis requires a specialized type of service and is a noncompensatory operation when the shipments contain many component parts. Applicant alleges that the handling and sorting of these trees

¹ The tariff is Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

are physically difficult processes in which high labor costs result and considerable damage occurs. Applicant further alleges that the proposed tariff amendment would eliminate the aforementioned handling and sorting problems.

Applicant avers that the proposed tariff amendment was formally considered at a meeting of its Statewide Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 1493, that its proposal and the committee's action thereon were circularized and that no objections have been received from carriers or shippers.

Applicant asserts that, should the application be granted, the increases resulting from the proposed tariff amendment 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 May 6, 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 proposed tariff amendment 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 publish in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, amended split delivery provisions 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.

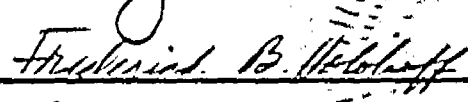
3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.


This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.


Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of August, 1966.



President








Commissioners