

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 71626

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 pro-)
visions resulting in increases)
because of the reduction in delay)
time proposed to be published in)
one of applicant's rail competitive)
tariffs.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 48790
(Filed September 15, 1966)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., for and on behalf of various carriers, seeks authority to amend certain tariff provisions in one of its tariffs by reducing the time allowed for loading and unloading services from eight minutes to four minutes per ton.¹

Applicant states that Tariff No. 101, with minor exceptions, contains rail competitive rates on iron or steel and iron or steel articles and that such rates are very low in comparison with most other class and commodity rates. Applicant avers that one of the basic requirements that the carriers have for handling low-rated commodities is that such commodities must be quickly loaded and unloaded. Applicant alleges that the present allowance of eight minutes per ton for loading or unloading service was established to apply in connection with the general run of commodities but that experience of the carriers involved shows that an allowance of four

¹ These tariff provisions are published in Item No. 500 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 101, Cal.P.U.C. No. 4, hereinafter referred to as Tariff No. 101. The proposed amendment would apply to all carriers participating in Tariff No. 101 except Cargo Carriers, Inc., Consolidated Freightways Corporation of Delaware and Pacific Motor Trucking Company.

minutes per ton for loading or unloading service is an adequate period of time to load or unload the commodities for which rates are provided in Tariff No. 101.

According to applicant, the proposed tariff amendment was formally considered by its Statewide General Commodity Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 1556, the proposal and the results of the committee's action thereon were circularized to carriers and shippers and no objection to the proposed change was received.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposed tariff amendment would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of any of the carriers involved, either jointly or individually, by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of September 16, 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 publication of the tariff amendment as proposed in the 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 publish tariff provisions in its Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 101, Cal.P.U.C. No. 4, as specifically proposed in the application, on behalf of all carriers participating therein except Cargo Carriers, Inc., Consolidated Freightways Corporation of Delaware and Pacific Motor Trucking Company.

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 29th day of November, 1966.

President

George T. Grover

Fredrick V. Hill

William F. Bennett

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Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.