

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 72344

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 Cargo Carriers, Inc., M and M Transfer Company and Paxton Trucking Company tariff provisions resulting in increases because of proposed changes in rates in connection with low-bed rates and charges for accessorial services in connection therewith.	)	
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	)	Shortened Procedure
	)	Tariff Docket
	)	Application No. 49181
	)	(Filed March 3, 1967)
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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority on behalf of Cargo Carriers, Inc., M and M Transfer Company and Paxton Trucking Company to publish increased hourly rates and accessorial charges for the transportation of property of unusual size, weight or handling characteristics, which require the use of, and are transported on, low-bed equipment.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant proposes to increase the straight time rates for the above transportation by 50 cents per hour and the overtime rates by 50 cents to \$3.35 per hour depending upon the gross weight transported during a single transaction or the type of equipment used and the movement involved. When help in addition to the driver is requested and furnished, applicant proposes to increase the straight time charges for such accessorial services by 50 cents per hour and the overtime charges by 50 to 75 cents per hour depending upon the type of labor furnished and the territory in which the service is performed. The proposed increases are set forth in detail in Exhibits A-1 and A-2 attached to the application.

<sup>1</sup> The rates and accessorial charges involved are published in Items Nos. 7430 and 7470 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

Applicant states that the handling of shipments on low-bed equipment and the special accessorial services that are necessary in connection with such shipments require the use of extremely specialized equipment as well as highly trained personnel. Applicant alleges that numerous increases in labor and other costs have occurred in connection with such specialized transportation services since December 15, 1965, the date the rates involved were last adjusted. Applicant avers that the increased rates and charges proposed herein will, at least partially, reimburse the carriers for such increases in costs.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of each of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 6, 1967. 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 rates and charges as specifically 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., Agent, is hereby authorized to publish, on behalf of Cargo Carriers, Inc., M and M Transfer Company, and Paxton Trucking Company, increased rates and charges in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, for the transportation of property on low-bed equipment as specifically proposed in the application.

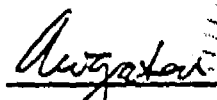
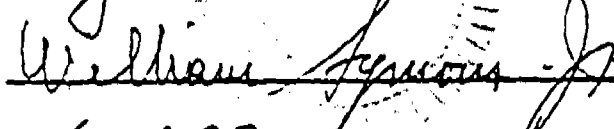

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than thirty days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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 Los Angeles, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1967.

  
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Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.