

# ORIGINAL

Decision No. 72553

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 )	Shortened Procedure
tariff provisions resulting in increases )	Tariff Docket
because of the publication of a new rule )	Application No. 49249
providing for special charges to be )	(Filed March 30, 1967)
applied in connection with shipments )	
moving on order bills of lading. )	

## OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, for and on behalf of all carriers participating in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, to publish a rule providing that the carrier will assess a charge of \$3.00 on shipments moving on order bills of lading to cover the cost of handling such documents.

Applicant states that carriers are called upon to transport shipments moving on order bills of lading from time to time and it is necessary that they have surrendered to them the original bill of lading made out to the order of the shipper and properly endorsed. Applicant avers that the carrier is liable for the value of the shipment when it fails to obtain the properly endorsed order bill of lading at the time such shipment is delivered in much the same manner as if it had failed to collect the money due on a C.O.D. shipment.

Applicant contends that shipments moving between points in California on order bills of lading are relatively rare as most shipments move on the more popular C.O.D. basis when credit problems are

encountered. Applicant declares that, when shipments move on order bills of lading, the carrier must take extra time to be sure that its drivers are aware of the circumstances pending delivery of such shipments and the carrier must make telephone calls that never enter into the handling of ordinary shipments and seldom occur in connection with C.O.D. shipments.

Applicant asserts that 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.

Applicant alleges that the proposed C.O.D. charge was formally considered at a meeting of its Statewide General Commodity Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 1675, that at that meeting neither shippers nor carriers opposed the establishment of such a charge and that such proposal and the result of the committee's action thereon were circularized to interested parties and no objections were received.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 31, 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 the publication of the charge 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 in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, on behalf of all carriers participating therein, a charge of \$3.00 for handling each shipment transported on an order bill of lading.

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1967.

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President

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Commissioners