

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 72633

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
for and on behalf of certain of its )	Tariff Docket
participating carriers tariff pro- )	Application No. 49276
visions resulting in increases )	(Filed April 11, 1967)
because of the proposed cancellation) )	
of specified commodity rate items. )	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of various carriers,<sup>1</sup> to cancel specific commodity rates on agricultural insecticides and fungicides between San Francisco Territory, Modesto, Stockton and Sacramento, on the one hand, and Los Angeles Territory, on the other hand.<sup>2</sup> Applicant proposes, in lieu thereof, to apply class rates for such transportation.

Applicant states that agricultural insecticides and fungicides are exempt from minimum rates under the provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2. Applicant alleges that the rates in question have not been increased since November 11, 1963; and have moved little or no volume of traffic. Applicant avers that maintenance of these rates constitutes a latent threat to the general rate structure of the carriers involved.

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<sup>1</sup>  
The carriers are Aetna Freight Lines, Inc., California Cartage Express, Certified Freight Lines, Inc., Transcon Lines, Watson-Wilson Transportation System, Inc., and Culy Transportation Company, doing business as Cal-Canadian Motor Express.

<sup>2</sup>  
The rates involved are published in Item No. 4740 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposed cancellation of the rates would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of any of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

According to applicant, the proposed cancellation of rates was formally considered at a meeting of its Statewide General Commodity Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 1676, the proposal and the results of committee's action thereon were circularized to carriers and shippers and no objection to the proposed change was received.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 12, 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 cancellation of the commodity rates 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, on behalf of Aetna Freight Lines, Inc., California Cartage Express, Certified Freight Lines, Inc., Transcon Lines, Watson-Wilson Transportation System, Inc., and Culy Transportation Company, doing business as Cal-Canadian Motor Express, to cancel from its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, the specific commodity rates as proposed in the application.

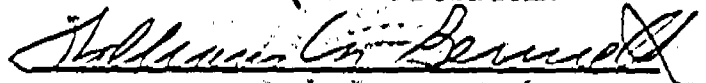
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than thirty days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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

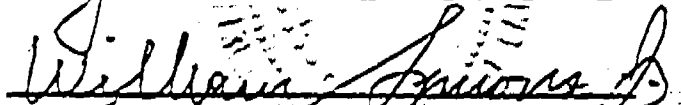
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

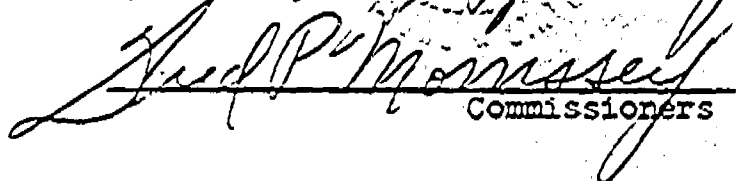
Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1967.

  
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