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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 pro- ) visions resulting in increases be- ) cause of the proposed cancellation ) of specified commodity rate items. )

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 49277 (Filed April 11, 1967)

## OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Blincoe Trucking Company (Blincoe) and Siefert Truck Service, Inc. (Siefert), to cancel commodity rates for the transportation of agricultural insecticides and fungicides from Los Angeles to Fresno, Corcoran, Richgrove and I Famoso.

Applicant states that the rates in question, which are exempt from the Commission's minimum rates under the provisions of Minimum Rate Tariff No. 2, were appropriate when they were established by the carriers involved but that such rates have not been concurrently increased over the years with the minimum rates. Applicant avers that the aforementioned rates were last increased on November 11, 1963, that little or no traffic moves under these rates and that the continued maintenance of such rates constitutes a latent threat to the rate structure of Blincoe and Siefert.

The rates are published in Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

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Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of either Blincoe or Siefert by as much as one percent.

Applicant alleges that the rates proposed to be canceled were formally considered at a meeting of its Statewide General Commodity Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 1676, that there was no opposition to the proposal on the part of shippers or carriers attending the meeting and that no objections were received from interested parties after the proposal and the result of the committee's action thereon were circularized to them.

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 rates 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., is hereby authorized, on behalf of Blincoe Trucking Company and Siefert Truck Service, Inc., to cancel rates from its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, 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.

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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  $\frac{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$  day of June, 1967.

President