

Decision No. 73778

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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 provisions resulting in increases and changes in rates provided in connection with low-bed services, and charges for accessorial services in connection therewith.	)	Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket
	)	Application No. 49884 (Filed December 18, 1967)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, for and on behalf of the carriers participating in one of its tariffs, to increase the hourly rates and accessorial charges named therein for the transportation of property on low-bed equipment.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant states that, though the carriers involved have primarily transported oilfield equipment for a number of years, they must maintain service for the occasional transportation of commodities requiring low-bed equipment. Applicant alleges that the latter transportation is of a very specialized nature and that the rates for such transportation have not been increased since December of 1965. Applicant avers that numerous increases in labor costs have occurred since that date and that the carriers operate at a loss when they transport property in low-bed equipment under the current rates.

<sup>1</sup> The rates and accessorial charges, which apply to transportation performed by 21 carriers, are set forth in Paragraph D of Ninth Revised Page 91 and Item No. 1500 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 6, Cal. P.U.C. No. 14 (Series of J. L. Beeler, Agent). Increases range from 65 cents to \$2.05 per hour for accessorial services performed and from \$1.25 per hour for the transportation of 44,000 pounds of property on low-bed equipment to \$5.00 per hour for the transportation of 120,000 pounds of property on the same type equipment. The proposed rates are set forth in Appendix A attached to the application.

Applicant declares that its proposal was formally considered by its Oilfield Haulers Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 17, and that its proposal and the Committee's action thereon were circularized to various interested shippers and carriers. According to applicant, there was no opposition on the part of either carriers or shippers to the establishment of the proposed provisions.

Applicant states that 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 December 19, 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 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 cancel Paragraph D on Page 91 of its Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 6, Cal.P.U.C. No. 14 (J. L. Beeler, Agent, Series), and to publish rates in Item No. 1500 of such tariff as specifically proposed in the application.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and 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.

