

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 73910

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| 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. 49962 |
| visions resulting in increases be-) | (Filed January 23, 1968) |
| cause of proposed increase in) | |
| specified hourly rates for bulk) | |
| petroleum carriers.) | |

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, for and on behalf of all of the carriers participating in one of its tariffs, to increase the hourly rate applicable to the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk in tank vehicles from \$10.50 to \$11.50 per hour and to establish an additional charge for bridge tolls when such charges are incurred by the carrier.¹

Applicant states that the above hourly rate was established to meet special circumstances which made it impractical for the carriers participating in Tariff No. 18 to assess charges based on the other rates named therein. Applicant avers that the rate in question has been in effect without change since January 1, 1964, and that the proposed rate is reasonable in view of the higher operating costs experienced by the carriers performing the involved transportation services. The additional charge for bridge tolls is required to compensate the carriers when they bear such costs.

¹ The hourly rate is published in Item No. 450 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, hereinafter referred to as Tariff No. 18.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue derived either jointly or individually by any of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

Applicant alleges that the proposed rate and additional charge were formally considered at a meeting of its Tank Truck Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 329, 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 January 24, 1968. 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 hourly rate and additional charge for bridge tolls 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:

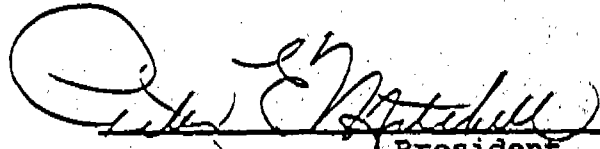
1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized to publish in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, on behalf of all common carriers participating therein, the increased hourly rate and the additional charge for bridge tolls as specifically proposed in the 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 or not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

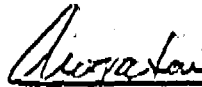
3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

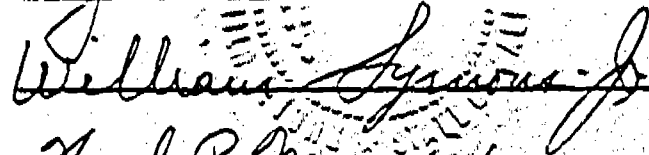
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

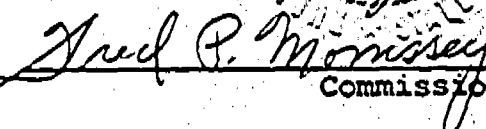
Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 26th day of March, 1968.



President







Commissioners

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