

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 74304

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 specified )  
 carriers tariff provisions )  
 resulting in increases because )  
 of the proposed cancellation of )  
 certain exception ratings on )  
 the commodity, "Hops". )

Shortened Procedure  
 Tariff Docket  
 Application No. 50171  
 (Filed April 16, 1968)  
 (Amended April 17, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, as amended, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, for and on behalf of various carriers participating in one of its tariffs to cancel certain exception ratings on hops.<sup>1</sup> Under this proposal, ratings of second class, less truckload, and third class, truckload, minimum weight 15,000 pounds, would apply upon cancellation of the ratings in question.

Applicant states that, over a period of time, exception ratings were established on hops in recognition of the fact that there had been heavy movements of this commodity in dense packages. Applicant alleges that hops are moving in a much lighter package at the present time and that the aforementioned transportation has lost the attractiveness, which existed when such exception ratings were established.

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<sup>1</sup> Less truckload ratings of 80 percent of fourth class and fourth class and truckload ratings of fifth class, Class B and Class E apply to the transportation of hops via various carriers to the extent indicated in Items Nos. 1970, 1975, 2285, 2330, 2331 and 2332 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Exception Sheet No. 1-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 18. The carriers involved are listed in the application, as amended by applicant's letter filed April 17, 1968.

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

According to applicant, the proposed cancellation of the aforementioned exception ratings was considered at a meeting of its Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 1891 on March 13, 1968, and no shippers appeared at the meeting to oppose the docket.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 17, 1968. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from cancellation of the exception ratings as proposed in the application, as amended, are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application, as amended, should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., is hereby authorized, on behalf of certain carriers participating in its Exception Sheet No. 1-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 18, to cancel exception ratings on hops as specifically proposed in the application, as amended.

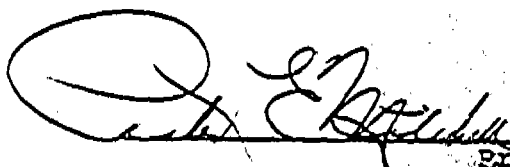
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than thirty


days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

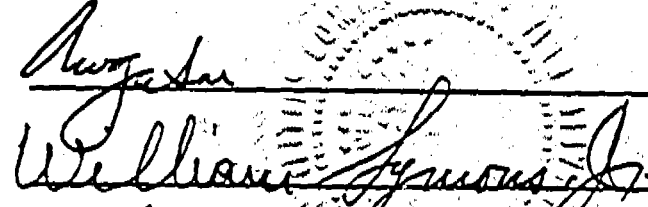
3. The authority granted herein shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

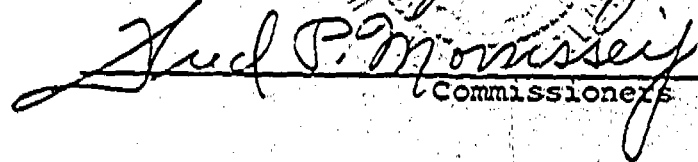
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1968.

  
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