Decision No. 74501

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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 Miles Motor)
Transport System tariff provisions)
resulting in increases in certain)
lumber, paper, and paper products.)

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 50322 (Filed June 17, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, for and on behalf of Miles Motor Transport System (Miles), to increase (1) the rates on paper and paper products by 6 or 7 cents per 100 pounds when based on minimum weights of less than 80,000 pounds and by 3 cents per 100 pounds when based on a minimum weight of 80,000 pounds; and (2) the rates on lumber and forest products (boards or sheets) by 5 cents per 100 pounds. 1

Applicant states that the aforementioned rates are rail competitive rates and have been in effect for many years. Applicant alleges that such railhead rates have a tendency to remain at their published levels, that they are not increased for long periods of time and that they constitute a latent threat to current and future revenues. Applicant declares that conferences were held with the shippers involved and that the proposed rates reflect the results

The rates on paper and paper products are set forth in Items Nos. 1779.1 and 1779.2 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 109, Cal.P.U.C. No. 113 (Tariff No. 109), and apply from Los Angeles to Stockton and Antioch and from the latter two points to various San Joaquin and Los Angeles Basin area points. The rates on the boards or sheets are named in Item No. 4014.3 of Tariff No. 109 and apply from Ukiah to various southern California points.

of such conferences.

Applicant avers that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of Miles by as much as one-half of one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 18, 1968. Copies of the application were mailed to Fibreboard Corporation and Masonite Corporation, the only shippers involved. 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 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., Agent, is hereby authorized, on behalf of Miles Motor Transport System. to publish increased rates in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 109, Cal.P.U.C. No. 13, 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.
 - 3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless

exercised within minety 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 6 day of August, 1968.