

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 74609

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)	Shortened Procedure
its participating carriers tariff)	Tariff Docket
provisions resulting in increases)	Application No. 50380
because of the publication of a)	(Filed July 9, 1968)
special rule and other provisions)	
pertaining to rates and ratings)	
to be applied in connection)	
with the movement of household)	
goods and personal effects.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, for and on behalf of certain carriers participating in its tariffs, ¹ to: (1) cancel exception ratings of second class, less truckload, and Class B, minimum weight 20,000 pounds, on ² crated used household goods and personal effects; (2) apply rates ³ based on the classification ratings from terminal at point of origin to carrier's terminal at final point of destination with one ⁴ exception; and (3) publish separate rates of \$1.25 per 100 pounds,

¹ Eleven highway carriers described in Exhibit A attached to the application are involved. The tariffs are Local and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 104-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 23; Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 106, Cal.P.U.C. No. 11; and Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15.

² These ratings are published in Item No. 2367 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Exception Sheet No. 1-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 18.

³ These ratings are set forth in Item 100240, Sub 1, of National Motor Freight Classification A-10(CAL) as governed by National Motor Freight Classification A-10.

⁴ The exception provides that the rates include pickup and delivery service on shipments picked up at and/or delivered to a warehouse or transportation terminal.

minimum charge \$2.50, for pickup and delivery services when requested and performed at locations which are not warehouses or transportation terminals.

According to applicant, the highway common carriers involved herein are mainly engaged in the transportation of general commodities. Applicant declares that the carriers have occasionally transported shipments of crated used household goods and personal effects and have found, through experience, that rates based on the existing exception ratings have not been compensatory. Applicant alleges that such shipments have proved to be less of a drain on the carriers' revenues when picked up or delivered at warehouses or transportation terminals than at other points where the carriers have been consistently encountering delays. Applicant avers that rates based on the proposed ratings and additional charges for pickup and delivery are necessary in order that the carriers may transport such shipments without incurring out-of-pocket losses.

Applicant states that the proposed ratings and charges were formally considered at a meeting of its Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 1390 (amended) and that circularization of the proposed tariff provisions and the results of the committee's actions thereon was made to the carriers and shippers involved. No carriers or shippers registered any opposition to the proposal.

Applicant asserts that the increases resulting from the tariff provisions proposed 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.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 10, 1968. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that cancellation of the exception ratings and publication of other provisions for the transportation of crated used household goods and personal effects as proposed in this application are justified to the extent hereinafter indicated. Inasmuch as the tariff filings to be made under the ensuing authority would be filed after September 1, 1968, when the aforementioned exception ratings would be redesignated to conform with the truck-oriented ratings in National Motor Freight Classification A-10, the exception ratings to be canceled shall be deemed to be Class 85, less truckload, and Class 35.1, minimum weight 20,000 pounds, in the event that the proposed ratings are so redesignated in the tariff publication involved. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted subject to modification as hereinbefore mentioned.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized to cancel from its Exception Sheet No. 1-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 18, exception ratings provided therein for the transportation of crated used household goods and personal effects as proposed in the application.

2. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized to publish in its Local and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 104-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 23, Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 106, Cal. P.U.C. No. 11, and Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, provisions governing the application of rates for the transportation of crated used household goods and personal effects as proposed in the application.

3. 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.

4. 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 27th day of August, 1968.

William Lyons, Jr.
President

John E. Mitchell

Augustus

John P. Monnesey
Commissioners

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