

Decision No. 74650

**ORIGINAL**

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	)	Shortened Procedure
for and on behalf of certain of	)	Tariff Docket
its participating carriers tariff	)	Application No. 50393
provisions resulting in increases	)	(Filed July 17, 1968)
because of publication of increased	)	
provisions relative to the applica-	)	
tion of rates in connection with	)	
bulk liquid petroleum wax.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (WMTB), seeks authority, for and on behalf of all carriers participating in one of its tariffs, to establish a provision whereby a charge of ten percent would be added to the rates otherwise applicable when the transportation of liquid petroleum wax requires the use of insulated equipment.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant states that a charge of ten percent is currently added to the rates otherwise applicable when the transportation of other refined petroleum products requires the use of insulated equipment and that such charge has been in the tariff for a number of years. Applicant alleges that liquid petroleum wax is a more difficult product to handle than most other products which require insulated equipment and that cleaning problems not involved in transporting other refined petroleum products are encountered in the handling of this commodity.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant proposes to establish this provision by amending Item No. 100 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local Freight Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24. The tariff provision would also be subject to the requirement that the rate on the shipment shall not be less than 8½ cents per 100 pounds.

Applicant avers that the proposed additional charge was formally considered and approved at a meeting of its Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 316. Applicant declares that, since the date of docketing and approval of Docket No. 316, various contacts have been made by interested carriers and by WMTB with the involved shippers and that there appears to be no shipper who would oppose the application.

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.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 18, 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 publication of the additional charge 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, on behalf of all carriers participating in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, to publish an additional charge for the transportation of liquid petroleum wax 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 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1968.

William Lyons Jr.  
President  
E. E. Gifford  
William L. Bennett  
Augustine  
John P. Morrissey  
Commissioners