

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 74695

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 Pacific Inter-)	Shortened Procedure
mountain Express Co. tariff pro-)	Tariff Docket
visions resulting in increases)	Application No. 50402
because of the proposed publication)	(Filed July 18, 1968)
of an increase in the minimum)	
charges on Liquid Petroleum Wax,)	
N.O.S.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., for and on behalf of Pacific Intermountain Express Co. (PIE), seeks authority to publish a minimum charge of \$100.00 per shipment for the transportation of shipments of "Liquid Petroleum Wax, N.O.S." by said carrier.¹

Applicant states that liquid petroleum wax is transported locally only in the day light hours as the shipper and receiver are normally set up to handle this type of product during the day shift. Applicant avers that the carrier is generally able to transport only one load of wax per day.

Applicant alleges that PIE is required to clean its tank truck equipment after it has hauled a load of liquid petroleum wax in order that such equipment may be suitable to

¹ The proposed minimum charge is to be published in Item 270 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24.

transport other petroleum products. Applicant declares that, even when a truck is dedicated to hauling wax, the carrier must clean the equipment when the grade of wax changes or the truck is offered to another shipper.

Applicant states that PIE incurs an average cost of \$35.00 when it is required to clean its equipment and that the carrier's revenue from a 50,000-pound load of wax transported locally ranges between \$30 and \$75. Applicant avers that it is not economically feasible for the carrier to alternate the use of its equipment in transporting truckloads of liquid wax and other petroleum products.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of Pacific Intermountain Express Co. by as much as one percent.

According to applicant, interested shippers have been notified regarding this proposal. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 19, 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 a minimum charge on shipments of liquid petroleum wax 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 to publish in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, on behalf of Pacific Intermountain

Express Co., an increased minimum charge for the transportation of shipments 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 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 17th day of September, 1968.

William Synovus, Jr.
President

John E. Smith

William B. Smith

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John P. Monahan
Commissioners