

Decision No. 74718

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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)	Shortened Procedure
for and on behalf of Acme Transpor-)	Tariff Docket
tation Co. tariff provisions re-)	Application No. 50474
sulting in increases because of the)	(Filed August 12, 1968)
proposed publication 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 Acme Transportation Co. (Acme), 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 in the daylight hours only as the shipper and receiver are normally set up to handle this type of product only during the day shift. Applicant avers that the carrier is generally able to transport but one load of wax per day.

Applicant alleges that Acme 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 transport

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

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 Acme 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 Acme Transportation 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 August 14, 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 Acme Transportation 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 24th day of September, 1968.

William Agnew Jr.
President
Ed. J. [unclear]
William A. Bennett
August [unclear]
Paul P. Monsey
Commissioners