

Decision No. 74720

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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 certain of its)
participating carriers tariff)
provisions resulting in increases)
because of the adjustment of rates)
in connection with the use of low-)
bed equipment.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 50454
(Filed August 1, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority for and on behalf of Ringsby-Pacific Ltd. (Ringsby), to transfer the rates on shipments requiring the use of low-bed equipment from one of its tariffs to another,¹ and to make certain rate adjustments which will result in increases.

The proposed rate adjustment would replace the existing weight bracket of over 80,000 pounds but not over 150,000 pounds with a rate of \$28.15 per hour for straight time and \$31.10 per hour for overtime by the publication of three weight brackets and rates thereunder as follows:

<u>Weight in Pounds</u>	<u>Rates in Cents per hour</u>	
	<u>Straight Time</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
Over 80,000 but not over 100,000	2815	3110
Over 100,000 but not over 150,000	4600	5190
Over 150,000 but not over 170,000	6400	6990

¹The proposal would transfer the rates from Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 6, Cal.P.U.C. No. 14 (J. L. Beeler, Agent, Series) to Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15 (Tariff No. 111), both issued by Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent.

In addition, applicant proposes to modify the current charges on empty equipment not under load (deadhead) of \$17.50 per hour for equipment not exceeding eight (8) feet in width and \$23.50 per hour for equipment exceeding eight (8) feet in width, to a higher charge which is based upon the gross weight of the shipment to be transported. The current charges only apply on shipments of 100,000 pounds or less whereas the proposed charge of \$31.50 per hour would apply in connection with shipments exceeding 100,000 pounds.

Applicant states that, in the interest of uniformity to reduce the number of tariffs in which they participate and in order to be competitive with other carriers operating low-bed equipment, Ringsby desires to transfer its rates to Tariff No. 111. Applicant alleges that adjustments in such rates and charges are necessary because of the recent restrictions placed by the State of California Highway Permit Offices relative to loads aggregating higher gross weights. According to applicant, these new provisions provide that shipments up to 100,000 pounds can be transported on a seven-axle combination vehicle, but that shipments exceeding this weight must be transported on a nine-axle combination vehicle. Applicant contends that this restriction not only requires that additional axles must be used, but also that an extra driver or tillerman be assigned to the operation on the rear of the equipment unit.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from publication of the rates and charges proposed herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of Ringsby by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 2, 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 the rate adjustments 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 Ringsby-Pacific Ltd., to transfer that carrier's rates from applicant's Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 6, Cal.P.U.C. No. 14 (J. L. Beeler, Agent, Series) and concurrently to publish in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15, the rate adjustments 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.

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This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of September, 1968.

William Synors Jr.
President
John P. Morrissey
Commissioners
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