

Decision No. 75025

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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 certain of its)	Tariff Docket
participating carriers tariff)	Application No. 50604
provisions resulting in increases)	(Filed October 10, 1968)
because of proposed cancellation)	
of a special minimum charge item)	
dealing with Lubricating Oil.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, for and on behalf of all carriers participating in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24 (Tariff No. 18), to cancel the minimum charge provisions governing the transportation of lubricating oil in compartmented tank trucks.

Applicant states that the above minimum charge provisions were established at least 15 years ago to accommodate a carrier that specialized in transporting lubricating oil in compartmented tank trucks with individual compartments not exceeding 750 gallons each. Applicant declares that the aforementioned carrier has long been merged with a larger carrier and that the latter carrier has not performed transportation services in compartmented tank trucks for many years. Applicant avers that no other carrier participating in Tariff No. 18 offers such a service.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from cancellation of the minimum charge provisions in question would not increase the gross revenue derived either jointly or individually by any of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

Applicant alleges that the matter was formally docketed before its Statewide General Commodity Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 343 and was approved by the Committee unanimously on August 21, 1968. Applicant states that it knows of no shipper or other party that would oppose the granting of the application.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 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 cancellation of the minimum charge as specifically 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., Agent, 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 cancel the minimum charge provisions in Item No. 280 thereof.

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 3rd day of December, 1968.

William J. G. J.
President
St. Lawrence B. B.
Augustus
Harold P. M.
Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.