

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 75364

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 specified carriers tariff provisions resulting in increases because of proposed changes in rates in connection with low-bed rates and charges for certain accessorial services in connection therewith.)	Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket
)	Application No. 50766
)	(Filed December 20, 1968)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority on behalf of Cargo Carriers, Inc., M and M Transfer Company, Paxton Trucking Company and Ringsby-Pacific, Ltd., to publish increased hourly rates and accessorial charges for the transportation of property of unusual size, weight or handling characteristics, which require the use of, and are transported on, low-bed equipment.¹

Applicant proposes: (1) to increase the straight time and overtime rates by 70 and 75 cents per hour, respectively, for the above transportation in equipment with weight capacities of 44,000 pounds and less; (2) to increase the hourly charges for various accessorial services by amounts ranging from 5 cents to \$1.00 per hour;² (3) to extend the area within which the charges

¹ The rates and accessorial charges involved are published in Items Nos. 7430 and 7470 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

² Such accessorial services include the furnishing of teamster or working foreman, teamster helpers and machinery movers.

for overtime and for furnishing a teamster foreman would apply³ and (4) to cancel the charges for services by a "machinery helper". The increased rates and charges proposed herein are set forth in detail in Appendix "A" attached to the application.

Applicant states that the handling of shipments on low-bed equipment and the special accessorial services require the use of extremely specialized equipment as well as highly trained personnel. Applicant alleges that since March 1, 1968, when the rates and charges involved in this proposal were last adjusted, further increases in labor and other costs have occurred in connection with these specialized transportation services.

Applicant declares that it is not seeking increases in all of the rates and charges for the services involved. Applicant avers that studies made by the carriers in question indicate that the sought increases are actually needed and that such increases generally apply to services performed in connection with the carriers' lower weight-capacity equipment. Applicant states that cancellation of charges for services performed by a "machinery helper" is proposed inasmuch as this type of helper is no longer a factor in the day-to-day workings of the carriers.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue derived by each of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

³ These charges currently apply between points within a defined "San Francisco Bay Counties Territory." The extended area includes points in California on and north of a line extending from the Pacific Ocean through the northern boundaries of the Counties of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino to the California-Nevada State Line.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 23, 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 publication of rates and charges 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 to publish, on behalf of Cargo Carriers, Inc., M and M Transfer Company, Paxton Trucking Company and Ringsby-Pacific, Ltd., increased rates and charges in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, 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 25th day of
February, 1969.

William Lyons, Jr.
President

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Donald P. Morrison

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Commissioner