Decision No. 75771

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, under the Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket to publish for and on behalf of Modesto and Empire Traction Company and The Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company tariff provisions resulting in increases due to the cancellation of joint rate provisions.

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 51001
(Filed April 14, 1969)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, for and on behalf of Modesto and Empire Traction Company (Modesto) and The Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company (Santa Fe) to cancel joint rates currently in effect between these two carriers from one of its tariffs.

Applicant alleges that traffic interchanged between Modesto and Santa Fe has been constantly diminishing and that only an extremely small volume of such traffic is presently handled by these carriers. According to applicant, the proposed cancellation of rates would eliminate a tariff publication expense on the part of Modesto as the rates in question are the only rates in Tariff No. 111 in which such carrier participates. Applicant avers that the services of other competing highway carriers are

The joint rates are published in Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, hereinafter referred to as Tariff No. 111.

available to shippers for the transportation involved.

Applicant states that the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of either Modesto or Santa Fe by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 15, 1969. 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 rates 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 Modesto and Empire Traction Company and The Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company, to cancel joint rates from its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, as 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 // day of June, 1969.

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Commissioner A. W. Gatov. being necessarily absent. did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.