

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 76150

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 O.N.C. Motor Freight System, So-Cal Motor Freight and Southern California Freight Forwarders tariff provisions resulting in increases because of proposed increase in certain rates for the transportation of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.	)	Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 51260 (Filed July 22, 1969)
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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of O.N.C. Motor Freight System, So-Cal Motor Freight and Southern California Freight Forwarders, to publish increases in their minimum charges for the transportation of multiple shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables from points of origin within 25 miles of Indio to various southern California destinations.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant proposes to increase the aforementioned minimum charges by approximately 4 percent plus 10 cents for 9 shipments or less and to adjust the minimum charges for 14 but not less than 10 shipments, 19 but not less than 15 shipments and 20 or more shipments by establishing minimum charges for such per-shipment brackets, which would respectively approximate 90, 85 and

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<sup>1</sup>The charges are set forth in Item No. 5750 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15. This tariff was amended effective August 1, 1969, to reflect a change in the name of So-Cal Motor Freight to Hopper Truck Lines pursuant to Decision No. 75867 dated July 1, 1969, and Rule 6.4 of General Order No. 80-A. By letter, applicant amended Exhibit "A" attached to its application to correct a charge-per-shipment column designated as "24 and over" to read "20 and over."

80 percent of the sought minimum charges that would apply to 9 shipments or less. Applicant also seeks to assess the proposed lowest minimum charges for 20 shipments or more to shipments which would be delivered to the carrier's established depot by the shippers.

Applicant states that the minimum charges in question were established for a group of date growers in the Indio area and have been in effect for some time. Applicant avers that the sought increases are necessary to offset recent increases in labor and other operating costs and that the proposed charges should provide the carriers with a reasonable return for their services.

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

Applicant declares that various date growers in the Indio area have been informed concerning its proposal. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 23, 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 publication of the charges as proposed in the application, as amended, are justified. The Commission concludes that the application, as amended, should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the carriers involved, to publish in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, increased minimum charges for the transportation

of multiple shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables as specifically proposed in the application, as amended.

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 granted herein 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1969.

William S. Snow  
President

J. P. [unclear]

Thomas L. Sturgeon  
Commissioners

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.