

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 76577

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)	Shortened Procedure
participating carriers tariff pro-)	Tariff Docket
visions resulting in increases)	Application No. 51447
because of proposed increase in)	(Filed October 29, 1969)
specified hourly rates for bulk)	
petroleum carriers.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, for and on behalf of all of the carriers participating in one of its tariffs, to increase the hourly rate applicable to the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk in tank vehicles from \$11.50 to \$12.50 per hour.¹

Applicant states that the above hourly rate was established to meet special circumstances which made it impractical for the carriers participating in Tariff No. 18 to assess charges based on the other rates named therein. Applicant avers that the rate in question has been in effect without change since May 22, 1968, and that the proposed rate is reasonable in view of the higher operating costs experienced by the carriers performing the involved transportation services.

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The hourly rate is published in Item No. 450 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, hereinafter referred to as Tariff No. 18.

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

Applicant alleges that the proposed rate was formally considered at a meeting of its California Intrastate Tank Truck Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 363 and that copies of such docket were provided to all carriers and shippers on its mailing list prior to the meeting. Applicant declares that there has been no opposition on the part of interested parties to its proposal.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 30, 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 the publication of the hourly rate 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 in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, on behalf of all common carriers participating therein, the increased hourly rate 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 23rd day of December, 1969.

William J. Lyons, Jr.
President
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Robert J. [unclear]
Thomas [unclear]
Vernon L. Shinger
Commissioners