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Decision No.

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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 for and on behalf of Ringsby-Pacific Ltd. tariff provisions resulting in increases because of proposed publica- ) tion of increased minimum charge on Liquid Petroleum Wax, N.O.S.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 51502 (Filed November 24, 1969)

## OPINION AND ORDER

my this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., for and on behalf of Ringsby-Pacific Ltd. (Ringsby), seeks authority to publish a minimum charge of \$100.00 per shipment for the transportation of "Liquid Petroleum Wax, N.O.S." by said carrier.

Applicant states that liquid petroleum wax is transported relatively short distances in daylight hours as the consignor and consignee are normally set up to handle this type of product during the day shift. Applicant avers that the carrier is ordinarily able to handle only one load of wax per day.

Applicant alleges that Ringsby is required to clean its tank truck equipment after it has hauled a load of liquid petroleum wax in order that such equipment may be suitable to transport other petroleum products. Applicant declares that, even when a tank truck is dedicated to hauling wax, the carrier must clean the equipment when different grades of wax are offered for transportation.

Applicant proposes to include Ringsby as a participating carrier in Item 270 of its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal. P.U.C. No. 24. This item sets forth a minimum charge of \$100.00 per shipment for similar transportation services by various other carriers.

Applicant states that Ringsby incurs costs averaging between \$32.00 and \$40.00 when it is required to clean its tank truck equipment and that the carrier's revenue from a 50,000-pound load of wax ranges between \$32.00 and \$80.00 depending upon the distance the shipment is transported. Applicant avers that it is not economically feasible for the carrier to dedicate a particular unit of its equipment to the transportation of liquid wax.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 25, 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 a minimum charge on shipments of liquid petroleum wax 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 to publish in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.

P.U.C. No. 24, on behalf of Ringsby-Pacific Ltd., a minimum charge for the transportation of liquid petroleum wax 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 6 day of JANUARY, 1970.

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