

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 76656

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 Arizona-Pacific Tank Lines tariff provisions resulting in increases because of proposed publication of increased minimum charge on Liquid Petroleum Wax N.O.S.)

Shortened Procedure  
Tariff Docket  
Application No. 51508  
(Filed November 25, 1969)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., for and on behalf of Arizona-Pacific Tank Lines (Arizona), seeks authority to publish a minimum charge of \$100.00 per shipment for the transportation of "Liquid Petroleum Wax, N.O.S." in bulk in tank truck equipment by said carrier.<sup>1</sup>

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 Arizona 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

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<sup>1</sup> The proposed minimum charge is to be published in Item 260 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24.

is dedicated to hauling wax, the carrier must clean the equipment when different grades of wax are offered for transportation.

Applicant states that Arizona 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 Arizona by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 26, 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 Arizona-Pacific Tank Lines, 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 13th day of January, 1970.

William J. Lyons, Jr.  
President  
Augusta  
J. P. Williams, Jr.  
Vernon L. Sturgeon  
Commissioners

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