

Decision No. 76962

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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 Willig Freight Lines provisions resulting in increases because of proposed amendment to Paragraph (E) 2, (1) and (2), of Item No. 50, headed "Application of Rates, General".

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 51635 (Filed January 20, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Willig Freight Lines (Willig), to increase (1) the charges for loading and/or unloading shipments between the hours of 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 a.m., Mondays through Fridays, from \$2.50 per hour per man, minimum charge \$2.50 per man, to \$8.35 per hour per man, minimum charge \$8.35 per man; and (2) the charges for performing these services on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays from \$5.00 per hour per man, minimum charge \$20.00, to \$12.50 per hour per man, minimum charge \$50.00.¹

Applicant avers that Willig handles ordinary traffic during regular business hours and is occasionally requested to perform service at unusual working hours. Applicant alleges

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Discrepancies exist with respect to the current charges, which applicant alleges are in effect and those which are set forth in Item No. 50 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15, for the services involved. The tariff charges for such services are \$2.65 per hour per man, minimum charge \$2.65 per man, on regular working days and \$5.30 per hour per man, minimum charge \$21.20, on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

that such requests invariably entail special arrangements with drivers, helpers and other dock workers and that the resulting overtime charges are partially absorbed by the carrier. Applicant states that the services in question under the currently applicable charges lead to out-of-pocket losses, which create a burden on other traffic. Applicant declares that the earnings to be realized from the proposed increases would not reimburse Willig completely for the out-of-pocket costs incurred by it in performing services at unusual hours.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 22, 1970. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the application and recommends that it be granted by ex parte order.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from publication of the charges 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., Agent, is hereby authorized, on behalf of Willig Freight Lines, to publish in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, increased charges for loading and/or unloading shipments 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 17th day of March, 1970.

William Lyons, Jr.
President

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Norman L. Sturgeon
Commissioners

