

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 77143

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 The Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company tariff provisions resulting in increases because of proposed cancellation of certain mileage commodity rates applicable on Grain and related products.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 51763 (Filed March 9, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., on behalf of The Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company (Santa Fe), seeks authority to cancel from one of its tariffs certain commodity rates for the transportation of grain and related articles in packages and in bulk.¹ Upon cancellation of the rates as proposed, higher class rates would apply.

Applicant avers that the records of Santa Fe show that little traffic has been handled under the involved rates and has moved for only short distances. Applicant contends that Santa Fe has experienced operating losses in those instances where the carrier has transported grain and related articles under the rates in question. Applicant declares that the proposed cancellation of these commodity rates is not intended primarily as a revenue

¹ The rates are set forth in Items Nos. 4720 and 4722 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

measure but as a means of protecting the carrier against such operating losses.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 11, 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 cancellation of the commodity rates 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, on behalf of The Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company, to cancel rates published in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, 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 or 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 27th day of April, 1970.

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