

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 77200

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)	Shortened Procedure
for and on behalf of carriers named)	Tariff Docket
herein tariff provisions due to)	Application No. 51775
proposed increases in pool car un-)	(Filed March 18, 1970)
loading charges.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Alco Transportation Co., California Cartage Company, Inc., and Intercity Truck and Delivery Service, Inc., to increase from 8½ cents to 11 cents per 100 pounds the charge for unloading, segregating or unloading and segregating pool car shipments of aluminum articles.¹

Applicant states that the proposed increase is necessary to reflect the cost of cleaning rail cars and disposing of dunnage material from pool car shipments. According to applicant, the aforementioned carriers are required to return rail cars to the railroad only after the dunnage material has been disposed of and the car is in a clean condition. Applicant alleges that, in those instances where such carriers do not return the rail cars to the railroads in a clean condition, the railroads have the cleaning service performed and bill them for the service charges involved.

Applicant declares that the carriers presented the problem of cleaning the rail cars and disposing of the dunnage material to

¹ The charge involved is published in Item No. 5100 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

Aluminum Company of America, the prime shipper of aluminum articles. Applicant avers that this shipper suggested that the matter be resolved by increasing the charge for unloading and/or segregating such pool car shipments to reflect the additional service involved.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposed charge would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of each of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

Copy of the application was furnished to Aluminum Company of America. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 19, 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 charge 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 Alco Transportation Co., California Cartage Company, Inc., and Intercity Truck and Delivery Service, Inc., to publish the increased charge for unloading and/or segregating pool car shipments of aluminum articles 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 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 12th day of May, 1970.

William S. Quince, Jr.
President
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Commissioners