

Decision No. 77315

**ORIGINAL**

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 certain of its )  
participating carriers tariff provi- )  
sions resulting in increases because )  
of proposed increase in charges in )  
Paragraph (A), Item No. 50 of )  
Applicant's Tariff No. 111. )

Shortened Procedure  
Tariff Docket  
Application No. 51826  
(Filed April 16, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. seeks authority, on behalf of all carriers participating in one of its tariffs, to increase (1) from 12 cents to 25 cents per 100 pounds the additional charge for picking up or delivering certain less-truckload shipments at points not at street level and (2) from 90 cents to \$1.50 the minimum charge applicable to this service.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant states that the carriers are experiencing out-of-pocket losses in making pickups and/or deliveries to points located beyond street level and inside various types of buildings. Applicant alleges that such structures vary from a two-story commercial warehouse to a 20-story office building and contends that the present additional charge and minimum charge are not compensatory for the service involved. Applicant declares that the proposed charges would strike a closer relationship to present day costs of handling this type traffic but would not completely reimburse the carriers for the costs involved in performing this service.

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<sup>1</sup> The present charges are set forth in Item No. 50 of Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15. These charges apply in those instances where no vehicular elevator or vehicular ramp is provided and made available to the carrier and the shipments weigh more than 100 pounds and are subject to minimum weights of less than 10,000 pounds.

Applicant avers that the proposed charges were formally considered at a meeting of its General Commodity Standing Rate Committee on March 11, 1970, under Docket No. 2267. Applicant declares that the proposed tariff revision was circulated to interested shippers and that no shippers registered any opposition to the proposal.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 17, 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., is hereby authorized, on behalf of all carriers participating in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, to publish increased charges 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.

The authority granted herein 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1970.

William L. Simon, Jr.  
President

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William L. Simon, Jr.

Thomas L. Sturgeon  
Commissioners