

Decision No. 77524

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor Tariff	)	
Bureau, Inc., Agent, under the	)	
Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket	)	Shortened Procedure
to publish for and on behalf of	)	Tariff Docket
Alta Freight and Transfer, Inc.,	)	Application No. 51891
and all other carriers as shown	)	(Filed May 11, 1970)
in Exhibit "A", tariff provisions	)	
resulting in increases due to the	)	
cancellation of joint rate provisions.)	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Alta Freight and Transfer, Inc. (Alta), and various other carriers, to cancel joint rates in one of its tariffs.<sup>1</sup> The rates apply between points served by Alta, on the one hand, and points served by the other carriers, on the other hand. Under this proposal, higher combination rates would apply upon cancellation of the rates in question.

Applicant states that an extremely small volume of traffic is being interchanged on a joint-line basis between Alta and the other carriers at the present time and that constantly increasing costs are being incurred by them in connection with such traffic. According to applicant, other services by competing motor carriers are available to the shippers involved.

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

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<sup>1</sup> The joint rates are published in Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15. Five other carriers are listed in Exhibit "A" attached to the application.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 12, 1970. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that few, if any, increases would result inasmuch as many competing certificated and permitted carriers maintain rates on the same level as the joint rates in question. The staff recommends that the application be granted by ex parte order.

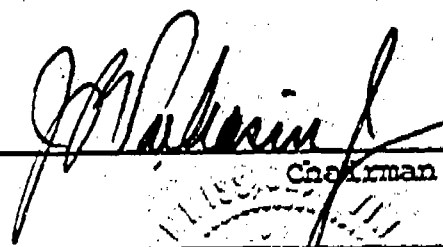
In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from cancellation of joint rates as proposed in the application are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., is hereby authorized, on behalf of Alta Freight and Transfer, Inc., and the carriers listed in Exhibit "A" attached to the application, to cancel joint rates from its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, as specifically proposed in said 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 21<sup>st</sup> day  
of July, 1970.

  
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Chairman

  
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Commissioners

Commissioner A. W. Gatov, being  
necessarily absent, did not participate  
in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being  
necessarily absent, did not participate  
in the disposition of this proceeding.