

Decision No. 77610

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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)	Shortened Procedure
for and on behalf of Pacific Motor)	Tariff Docket
Trucking Company (PMTTC) and Pacific)	Application No. 51923
Motor Transport Company (PMTT))	(Filed May 27, 1970)
certain tariff provisions resulting)	
in increase because of the addition)	
of a cleaning charge.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Pacific Motor Trucking Company and Pacific Motor Transport Company, to publish a charge of 6 cents per 100 pounds based on the weight on which the transportation charges are assessed for the service of cleaning carriers' equipment. The proposed charge would apply in connection with the transportation of Blacks (Carbon Gas or Oil Blacks), Lamp Black or Vegetable Black from Rogas and Fleta in Kern County to points in the San Francisco Bay and Los Angeles Basin areas, Sacramento, Stockton, Hanford and Salinas.

Applicant states that the transportation characteristics of these commodities leave the carriers' equipment in such a condition that it cannot be used for the transportation of other commodities until it is carefully cleaned to avoid contamination of the other commodities. Applicant alleges that rail competitive rates are assessed for the transportation in question and that such rates do not reflect motor carrier costs which have been constantly increasing. Applicant avers that the proposed charge for cleaning carriers' equipment is necessary to enable the carriers to recover the costs incurred in performing such service.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of Pacific Motor Trucking Company and Pacific Motor Transport Company by as much as one percent.

Copies of the application were mailed to Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and Columbia Carbon Company. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 28, 1970. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that additional costs, which are not ordinarily borne by other carriers transporting general commodities, are incurred by the carriers in performing this service. No specific charge is provided in their tariff for cleaning carriers' equipment and the proposed charge for this service is required to offset the additional costs involved. 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 publication of the additional 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., Agent, is hereby authorized, on behalf of Pacific Motor Trucking Company and Pacific Motor Transport Company, to publish an additional charge for cleaning carriers' equipment in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 109, Cal.P.U.C. No. 13, 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

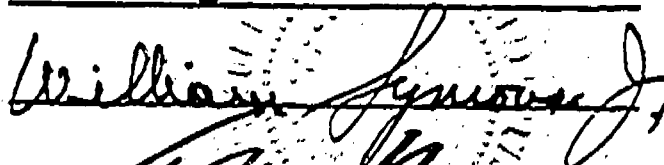
date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than thirty days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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 August, 1970.


Chairman






Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.