

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 77842

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 specified
hourly rates for bulk petroleum
carriers.)

) Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 52089
(Filed July 30, 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 from \$10.50 per hour to \$12.50 per hour the rates for the transportation of liquefied petroleum gases in bulk between points in California in various types of tank vehicles.¹

Applicant states that these rates were published for application in special circumstances where it is impractical for the carriers to charge the distance, inter-refinery or vehicle unit rates in the tariff and only when the shipper or consignee requests service under such rates. Applicant alleges that these rates have been in effect without change since June 1, 1964, and declares that the proposed rates are reasonable in view of the increased operating costs which have been experienced by the carriers involved.

Applicant avers that the proposed rates were formally considered at a meeting of its California Intrastate Standing Rate

¹ The rates in question are set forth in Section 2 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local Freight Tariff No. 16, Cal.P.U.C. No. 20.

Committee under Docket No. 382 and that, prior to the docket meeting, copies of the docket were provided to interested carriers and shippers. No carriers or shippers registered any opposition to applicant's proposal.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 31, 1970. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that the hourly rates in question have not been increased in the last six years. The proposed rates are designed to offset increased carrier costs. 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 the proposal herein 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 to publish on behalf of all carriers participating in its Local Freight Tariff No. 16, Cal.P.U.C. No. 20, increased hourly rates in Section 2 thereof 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

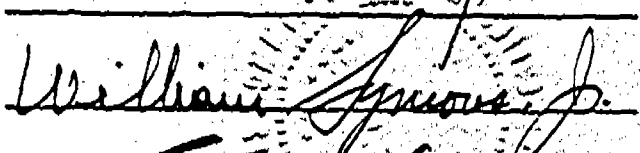
of this order and may be made effective not earlier than thirty days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

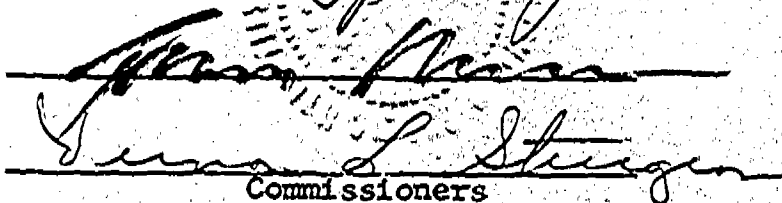
3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of October, 1970.


Chairman


William J. Sproule


Commissioners

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