

Decision No. 77861

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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 Ringsby-Pacific)	Tariff Docket
Ltd. tariff provisions resulting in)	Application No. 52115
an increase because of the proposed)	(Filed August 10, 1970)
cancellation of specific commodity)	
rates published under alternative)	
application provisions.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Ringsby-Pacific Ltd. (Ringsby), to cancel from its tariffs Ringsby's participation in certain rates for (1) the transportation of iron or steel articles between various points in northern and southern California and (2) furnishing protective service for perishable commodities.¹ Upon cancellation of the rates as proposed, higher rates would apply.

Applicant declares that Ringsby established various rail competitive rates in order to be competitive with rail and other highway carriers. Applicant contends that these rates rarely moved any traffic. Applicant states that Ringsby has completed a review of the aforementioned rates and has determined that they are no longer in active use.

Applicant alleges that rail rates tend to remain at a level below that which is compensatory for motor carrier transportation. Applicant avers that the continued publication of the involved rates constitutes a latent threat to the carrier's future revenue requirements.

¹ The rates are published in Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 101, Cal.P.U.C. No. 4, and Mechanical and Protective Service Tariff No. 108, Cal.P.U.C. No. 12.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of August 11, 1970. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that the rates in question are below the level of the truck rates for the involved transportation and were established to meet rail competition. The carrier has now elected not to meet this competition. 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 the rates as proposed in the application are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

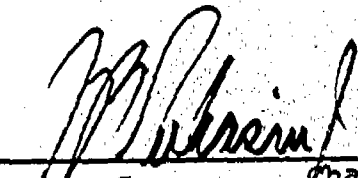
IT IS ORDERED that:


1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., is hereby authorized, on behalf of Ringsby-Pacific Ltd., to cancel rates published in its Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 101, Cal.P.U.C. No. 4, and Mechanical and Protective Service Tariff No. 108, Cal.P.U.C. No. 12, 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 27th day of October, 1970.



Chairman






Commissioners

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