

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 78066

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, under Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket to publish, for and on behalf of Auto Fast Freight, Inc., and Southern California Freight Forwarders provisions resulting in increases due to the cancellation of joint rate provisions.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 52197 (Filed September 15, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, for and on behalf of Auto Fast Freight, Inc. (Auto) and Southern California Freight Forwarders (So-Cal), to cancel joint class rates currently in effect between these two carriers from one of its tariffs.¹

Applicant alleges that the rates in question were established many years ago and that changing traffic patterns and several changes in ownership of Auto and So-Cal over the intervening years have entirely eliminated the interchange of traffic between these carriers. Applicant avers that the proposed cancellation of rates would be of a technical nature only since Auto and So-Cal will continue to maintain joint rates with other carriers between a majority of the points in the same territory.

¹ 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.

Applicant states that the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of either Auto or So-Cal by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of September 16, 1970. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

The Commission staff recommends that the application be granted by ex parte order since service under the rates in question has not been utilized by shippers and joint service by Auto or So-Cal with other carriers or local or joint service by other carriers would still be available to such shippers under the present rates.

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 Auto Fast Freight, Inc., and Southern California Freight Forwarders, to cancel joint class rates from its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, as 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 8th day of December, 1970.

Chairman

Alvord

William Lyons, Jr.

[Signature]

James L. Stungen

Commissioners

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