

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 78168

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor Tariff) Bureau, Inc. under the Shortened Pro-) cedure Tariff Docket for and on behalf) of Alltrans Express California, Inc.) to become a party in a rule providing) for exclusive use of carrier's equip-) ment which results in increases over) provisions presently applicable.)	Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 52221 (Filed October 2, 1970)
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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Alltrans Express California, Inc. (Alltrans), to include the carrier as a participant in an exclusive-use-of-equipment rule in one of its tariffs and concurrently cancel Alltrans' participation in a similar rule in the same tariff.¹

Alltrans' current rule provides for application of a minimum charge based on the Class 55 rate for 20,000 pounds for exclusive use of a unit of equipment with a lineal loading space of 28 feet or less and a minimum charge based on the Class 35 rate for 40,000 pounds for exclusive use of a unit of equipment with a lineal loading space exceeding 28 feet. According to applicant, participation by Alltrans in the other rule, as proposed, would permit the carrier to apply, when exclusive use of its equipment is required by

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Alltrans' participation would be cancelled from Item No. 289 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15. Alltrans' participation would be added to Item No. 297 in the same tariff.

the shipper, a minimum charge which varies according to the lineal feet of loading space in such equipment.²

Applicant states that the proposed minimum charges for exclusive use service would result in both increases and reductions and that such charges would be more closely related to the costs of providing this service.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 5, 1970. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that more realistic charges would result under the proposed rule for the services involved inasmuch as minimum charges for 10 specific sizes of equipment instead of the present minimum charges for 2 sizes of equipment would be applied to this service. The wide range of proposed charges would result in increases and reductions and better utilization of the carrier's equipment would be obtained. The staff recommends that the application be granted by ex parte order.

² The rule provides for application of one of ten minimum charges for this service on a particular shipment. These minimum charges are based on specific class rates for weights ranging from 2,000 pounds for a unit of equipment with 2 lineal feet of loading space to 45,000 pounds for a unit of equipment with 54 lineal feet of loading space.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from amendments to the exclusive-use-of-equipment rules 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 Alltrans Express California, Inc., to publish amendments to Items Nos. 289 and 297 of its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, as specifically proposed in the application.

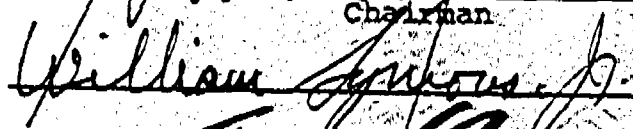
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than thirty days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the 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 13th day of January, 1971.



Chairman




Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.