

Decision No. 78235

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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 for and on behalf of Milne Truck Lines Inc. provisions resulting in increase due to cancellation of a single specific commodity rate on Automobiles.

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 52301
(Filed November 16, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Milne Truck Lines, Inc. (MTL), to cancel a commodity rate for the transportation of automobiles from Los Angeles Metropolitan Zone 235 to Needles.¹ Under this proposal higher class rates would apply upon cancellation of the rate in question.

Applicant states that the aforementioned commodity rate was initially established prior to 1950. Applicant avers that, as a result of changing conditions and methods of operation and several changes in carrier ownership over the intervening years, the movement of autos under this rate has diminished. Applicant declares that the rate, which was used only once in the last year by MTL, is no longer compensatory.

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

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The rate is set forth in Item No. 4499 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 17, 1970. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that minimum rates have not been established for the transportation in question. The rate for such transportation has not been increased over the years to the same extent as the minimum rates have been increased for other transportation. The proposed class rates for this transportation would enable the carrier to perform the service on a compensatory basis. 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 rate 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 Milne Truck Lines, Inc., to cancel the rate on automobiles in 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 publication 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 2nd day of February, 1971.

Chairman

Vernon L. ...

Commissioners

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