Decision No.

78236

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 Pacific Motor Trucking Company and Padre Freight Lines, tariff provisions resulting in an increase due to the cancellation of a joint rate provision between the two companies.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket (Application No. 52270) (Filed October 30, 1970)

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OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Pacific Motor Trucking Company (PMT) and Padre Freight Lines (PFL), to cancel joint rates between said carriers from its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

Applicant states that there was a need for joint rates between PMT and PFL at one time but that joint rates have since been established with other carriers whose operational procedures have been more compatible. Applicant avers that little traffic has been interchanged on a joint rate basis between PMT and PFL for some time. Applicant contends that the joint rates, which PMT and PFL maintain with other carriers, cover basically the same territory as do the joint rates involved herein.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 4, 1970. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that few, if any, increases need result from the proposed cancellation of joint rates since joint service by PMT or PFL with other carriers or local or joint service by other carriers would still be available to shippers under the present rates.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that increases resulting from cancellation of the joint 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 Pacific Motor Trucking Company and Padre Freight Lines, to cancel joint rates 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

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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 <u>2</u> day of February, 1971.

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Commissioners

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