

Decision No. 78280

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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 Kern Valley)	Tariff Docket
Trucking, a Corporation, certain)	Application No. 52305
tariff provisions resulting in)	(Filed November 18, 1970)
increase because of the addition)	
of a cleaning charge.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Kern Valley Trucking (KVT), to publish a charge of 6 cents per 100 pounds based on the weight on which the transportation charges are assessed for the service of cleaning the carrier's equipment. The proposed charge would apply in connection with the transportation of Blacks (Carbon Gas or Oil Blacks), Lamp Black or Vegetable Black from Rogas and Fleta in Kern County to points in the San Francisco Bay and Los Angeles Basin areas, Sacramento, Stockton and Hanford.

Applicant states that the transportation characteristics of these commodities leave KVT's equipment in such a condition that it cannot be used for the transportation of other commodities until it is carefully cleaned to avoid contamination of the other commodities. Applicant alleges that rail competitive rates are assessed for the transportation in question and that such rates do not reflect motor carrier costs which have been constantly increasing. Applicant avers that the proposed charge for cleaning KVT's equipment is necessary to enable the carrier to recover the costs incurred in performing such service.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 19, 1970. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that KVT is transporting the aforementioned commodities under depressed rail competitive rates and additional costs, which are not borne by carriers transporting other commodities, are incurred by KVT in performing the cleaning service. The proposed charge for this service, which is on the same level as that assessed by competing carriers for the same service, is required to recover the additional costs involved. 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 publication of a charge for cleaning service 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., Agent, is hereby authorized, on behalf of Kern Valley Trucking, to publish a charge for cleaning carrier's equipment in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 109, Cal.P.U.C. No. 13, 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 Diego, California, this 9th day of February, 1971.

W. J. Sullivan
Chairman

Wm. J. Sullivan
Vernon L. Sturgeon

Commissioners

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