

Decision No. 78318

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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 certain of its )  
participating carriers tariff pro- )  
visions resulting in increases )  
because of proposed increase in )  
specified hourly rates for bulk )  
petroleum carriers. )

Shortened Procedure  
Tariff Docket  
Application No. 52315  
(Filed November 23, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, for and on behalf of all of the carriers participating in one of its tariffs, to increase the hourly rate applicable to the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk in tank vehicles from \$12.50 to \$13.50 per hour.<sup>1</sup>

Applicant states that the above hourly rate was established to meet special circumstances which made it impractical for the carriers participating in Tariff No. 18 to assess charges based on the other rates named therein. Applicant avers that the rate in question has been in effect without change since February 11, 1970, and that the proposed rate is reasonable in view of the higher operating costs experienced by the carriers performing the involved transportation services.

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The hourly rate is published in Item No. 450 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, hereinafter referred to as Tariff No. 18.

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

Applicant alleges that the proposed rate was formally considered at a meeting of its California Intrastate Tank Truck Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 391 and that copies of such docket were provided to all carriers and shippers on its mailing list prior to the meeting. Applicant declares that there has been no opposition on the part of interested parties to its proposal.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 24, 1970. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that, since February 11, 1970, the date the rate in question was last increased, additional costs have been incurred by the involved carriers in performing the aforementioned transportation services. The proposed rate is required to enable the carriers to perform this 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 the publication of the hourly rate as specifically 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 to publish in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, on behalf of all common carriers participating therein, the increased hourly rate 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 19th day of February, 1971.

  
Chairman

  
Vernon L. Stinson

  
Commissioners

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