

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 72501

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| Application of Western Motor Tariff) | |
| Bureau, Inc., Agent, under the) | |
| Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket) | Shortened Procedure |
| to publish for and on behalf of) | Tariff Docket |
| La Salle Trucking Company, tariff) | Application No. 52406 |
| provisions resulting in increases) | (Filed January 19, 1971) |
| because of the publication of a) | |
| rule pertaining to advancing charges.) | |

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of La Salle Trucking Company (La Salle), to add La Salle as a participant in a rule in one of its tariffs pertaining to the advancement of charges.¹

Applicant states that La Salle is from time to time called upon to transport shipments on which charges are advanced and that more time and expense are expended by the carrier in the handling of such shipments than on regular shipments. According to applicant, the proposed rule is not intended to be a revenue measure but to be

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The rule is set forth in Item No. 31 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15. This rule provides that: (1) only charges which are incidental to the transportation of the shipment will be advanced to shippers, owners, consignees or agents thereof or to their draymen or warehousemen; (2) the basis for charges to be advanced must be stated on the bill of lading at time of shipment; (3) specific charges shall be assessed for collecting and remitting the advance charges which vary according to the amount collected; and (4) such charges shall be billed to the party paying the transportation charges.

a means of recovering costs involved in providing this additional service.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 20, 1971. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that additional costs are incurred by La Salle in those instances where it is required to advance charges to the parties involved and no specific charge is set forth in the tariff to compensate the carrier for this service. The proposed charges are the same as those which are currently assessed by the one carrier that performs this service under the tariff rule in question. 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 proposal herein 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 to add La Salle Trucking Company as a participant in a rule on advancing charges 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 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 2nd day of April, 1971.



Chairman




Commissioners

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner D. W. Holmes, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.