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Decision No. 78557

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 Golden West Freight Lines provisions resulting in increases because of publication of a new rule section dealing with charges for unusual hours of service.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 52419 (Filed January 22, 1971)

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## OPINION AND ORDER

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By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Golden West Freight Lines (Golden West), to include Golden West as a participant in a rule in one of its tariffs providing charges for services performed during 1 unusual hours.

The rule involved provides for the assessment of additional charges of \$10.43 per hour per man, minimum charge \$10.43 per man, for loading and/or unloading shipments between the hours of 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 a.m., Mondays through Fridays, and \$15.62 per hour per man, minimum charge \$62.44, for performing these services on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, when so requested by the shipper or consignee.

Applicant avers that property is generally tendered to Golden West by shippers during regular business hours but that the carrier is occasionally requested to perform the aforementioned services at unusual hours. Applicant alleges that such requests invariably entail special arrangements with the carrier's employees and

The rule is published in Item No. 50 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15. (SPT) A. 52419 - ams

that Golden West incurs out-of-pocket losses in performing these services at unusual hours under overtime wage rates.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 26, 1971. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that additional labor costs are incurred by Golden West in those instances where, upon request, loading and unloading services are performed during unusual working hours and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The proposed charges would enable Golden West to offset 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 the publication of the charges 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 Golden West Freight Lines, to publish in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, additional charges for loading and/or unloading shipments 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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 1971.

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Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.