

Decision No. 79341

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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. 52766
(Filed July 21, 1971)

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 \$11.50 to \$12.75 per hour.¹

Applicant states that the above hourly rate was established to meet special circumstances which made it impractical for the carriers who participated in Tariff No. 18 to assess charges based on the other rates in the tariff. It avers that except as hereafter stated the rate in question has been in effect since May 23, 1968. Applicant points out that by a surcharge supplement an increase of 75 cents was authorized in the hourly rates of Tariff No. 18 (Decision No. 77642 dated August 13, 1970, in Case No. 5436 (Petition No. 99)) but when the surcharge

¹ 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.

supplement was canceled (Decision No. 78629, dated May 4, 1971) no provision was made to adjust the rates herein involved. Applicant states that the proposed rate is considered reasonable in view of current operating costs.

Applicant alleges that the proposed rate was formally considered at a meeting of its California Intrastate Tank Truck Standing Rate Committee under Docket No. 397 and that copies of such docket were provided to all carriers and shippers on its mailing list prior to such meeting. Applicant declares that there has been no opposition on the part of interested parties to its proposal.

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.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 23, 1971. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that, since May 23, 1968, the date the rate in question was last increased, except for the aforementioned surcharge supplement, certain additional costs have been incurred by the involved carriers in performing the aforementioned transportation services. The hourly rates published by other carriers party to Tariff No. 18 but not participating in the \$11.50 rate have been increased twice since 1968 and are currently published at \$13.50 per hour for the same transportation. The staff recommends that this 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:

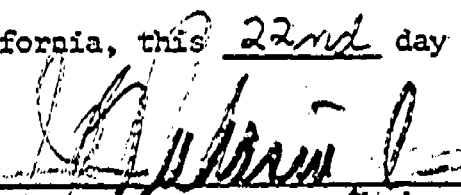
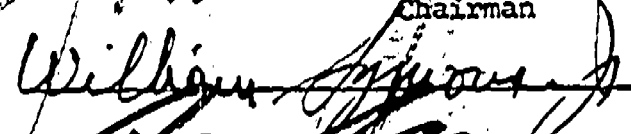


1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized to publish in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, the increased hourly rate as specifically proposed in the application.

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 22nd day of
NOVEMBER 1971.


Chairman



Commissioners