

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 79347

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 Progressive
Transportation Company provisions
resulting in increases due to the
publication of a new rate item
dealing with heavy duty low-bed
equipment. }

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 52833
(Filed August 31, 1971)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Progressive Transportation Company (Progressive), to publish a new rate item dealing with use of heavy duty low-bed equipment in one of its tariffs.¹

Applicant states that concurrently with publication of the proposed rate item, Progressive's participation would be canceled from the provisions of Item 1110 of Tariff No. 123 also covering low-bed equipment rates. Applicant declares that Tariff No. 123 is a specialized tariff, published for the account of carriers who are engaged in transportation of oilfield equipment and that this transportation has led to the establishment of rates and charges suitable to commodities requiring use of low-bed equipment. Applicant avers that most carriers engaged in this transportation are permitted carriers who, under the provisions of Item 40 of the Commission's Minimum Rate Tariff 2 covering the statewide movement

¹ The tariff involved is Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 123, Cal.P.U.C. No. 32 (Tariff No. 123).

of general commodities, are exempted from regulation when transporting articles on low-bed equipment. Applicant points out that the proposed rate item results in certain increases but that reductions are also involved.

The primary purpose of the proposed rate item, according to applicant, is to provide Progressive with a method of determining the charges applicable from the time the carrier's equipment leaves its terminal until it returns thereto, thus covering the costs incurred from the time the carrier commences working until services are no longer required.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of September 1, 1971. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that publication of the proposed new rate item covering hourly charges for services in connection with low-bed equipment will enable Progressive to assess charges which will return to the carrier revenues which are more closely related to the cost of providing the service. The proposed rate item reflects certain reductions as well as increases in charges.

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, on behalf of Progressive Transportation Company, to publish amendments to its Local and Proportional Freight Tariff No. 123, Cal.P.U.C. No. 32, 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.

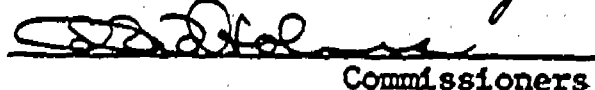
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day
of NOVEMBER, 1971.



Chairman





Commissioners