

Decision No. 79350**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 WESTERN MOTOR TARIFF BUREAU, INC.
 on behalf of all carrier participants
 in its Tariffs 16, 18 and 19 to
 cancel therefrom all rates and
 charges below the level of California
 Public Utilities Commission Minimum
 Rate Tariff No. 6-A.

Application No. 52689
 (Filed June 16, 1971;
 Amended July 15, 1971)

O P I N I O N

Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., on behalf of all petroleum carrier participants in its Local Tariffs 16, 18 and 19, seeks authority to cancel therefrom all rates and charges which are below the level of the rates and charges prescribed in Minimum Rate Tariff No. 6-A. The rates proposed to be canceled are "rail alternative" rates maintained under authority of the alternative application of common carrier rate provisions of the Commission's order establishing minimum rates for the transportation of petroleum products in bulk.

The proposed cancellation will result in increases in rates. However, the records of the Commission indicate that there is a relatively minor volume of traffic moving under the rates proposed to be canceled by the carriers participating in Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc.

This application and the amendment thereto were served upon Pacific Southcoast Freight Bureau, California Manufacturers Association, and all of the major producers and distributors of petroleum products in California. No correspondence protesting the application or requesting a hearing thereon has been received by the Commission.

Under the circumstances the increases in rates are justified and the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

The rates resulting from this decision are in the lower zone of reasonableness and are consistent with the purposes of the Federal Government's economic stabilization program because of the relatively minor volume of traffic moving under the charges proposed to be canceled which apply to the transportation of petroleum products in bulk.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., is authorized to cancel, on behalf of all carrier participants to its Local Tariffs 16, 18 and 19, the rates and charges proposed in Application No. 52689 as amended. 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 hereof on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

2. Applicant and carriers participating in Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Local Tariffs 16, 18 and 19 are authorized to depart from the provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations; such outstanding authorizations are hereby modified only to the extent necessary to comply with this order; and schedules containing the rates published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order. ✓

3. The authorities herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

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

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Chairman
William J. Lyons
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Sharon L. Stinson
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Commissioners