

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 79564

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor)	
Tariff Bureau, Inc. under the)	
Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket)	Shortened Procedure
to publish for and on behalf of)	Tariff Docket
Alltrans Express California, Inc.)	Application No. 52902
provisions resulting in increases)	(Filed October 1, 1971)
because of proposed cancellation)	
of a commodity rate item appli-)	
cable to fertilizing compounds.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Alltrans Express California, Inc. (Alltrans), to cancel certain commodity rates for the transportation of fertilizing compounds from Shiloh to various points in California.¹ Upon cancellation of the rates as proposed, higher class rates would apply.

Applicant states that the rates in question were originally established to meet the specific needs of shippers who distributed fertilizing compounds in bulk, in cloth or paper bags, containing not less than 25 pounds, enclosed in outer containers. Applicant contends that there has been no movement of fertilizing compounds by Alltrans for many years. Applicant alleges that the shippers have changed their method of packing and distribution and fertilizing compounds are now transported from Shiloh in bulk by proprietary and permitted carriers.

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The rates are set forth in Item No. 4623 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 4, 1971. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that the increases would be technical in nature inasmuch as the shippers at Shiloh have not utilized the services of Alltrans for many years and no longer tender to carriers shipments of fertilizing compounds in cloth or paper bags. The staff recommends that the application be granted by ex parte order.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that applicant's proposal is reasonable. To the extent that the proposal results in increases, they are in the lower zone of reasonableness and are consistent with the Federal Government's economic stabilization program and 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 Alltrans Express California, Inc., to cancel the rates in Item 4623 of its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, as specifically proposed in the application.

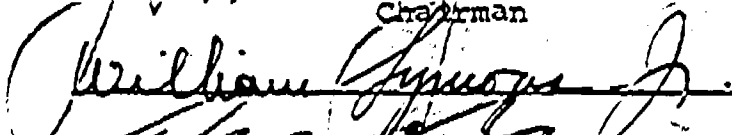
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

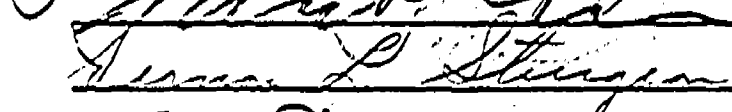
3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

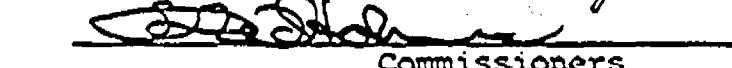
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of January, 1972.



Chairman






Commissioners