

Decision No. 79914

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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)	Shortened Procedure
for and on behalf of Shippers-Encinal)	Tariff Docket
Express, Inc. provisions resulting)	Application No. 53079
in increases because of amendments)	(Filed December 31, 1971)
to Item No. 4773.3 of Applicant's)	
Tariff No. 111.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Shippers-Encinal Express, Inc. (Shippers), to publish revised rates in one of its tariffs for the transportation of pulpboard or fiberboard and pulpboard or fiberboard boxes, fillers and partitions within the City of San Jose.¹

Applicant proposes to cancel the any-quantity, 2,000-pound and 24,000-pound rates for palletized shipments of the aforementioned commodities and substitute in lieu thereof a scale of rates for palletized shipments and a scale of rates for other-than-palletized shipments with 5 separate minimum weights for each scale.

Applicant states that its proposal concerning palletized shipments would result in reductions in the rates which would be based on minimum weights of 2,000, 5,000, 10,000 and 30,000 pounds and increases in instances where the any-quantity and

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The current rates are set forth in Item No. 4773.3 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

24,000-pound rates would no longer apply. Applicant avers that the proposed rates for other-than-palletized shipments would also result in reductions.

Applicant alleges that the proposed cancellation of the any-quantity rate would have little significance since a single loaded pallet usually weighs 2,000 pounds or more and the increase would only apply to shipments of 540 pounds or less. Applicant declares that the shipper could choose not to tender these smaller shipments on pallets and benefit from the application of a rate which would be lower than the current rate for such shipments on pallets.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 4, 1972. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that the aforementioned transportation is not subject to the application of the Commission's minimum rates and the proposed rates are lower than the established minimum intracity rates in the San Francisco East Bay and San Diego drayage areas for the same transportation. The proposal would preponderantly result in reductions. Increases, which would result in connection with palletized shipments weighing 540 pounds or less, need not occur as the shipper has the option of tendering such shipments in any form other than on pallets at lower rates. The proposed cancellation of the 24,000-pound rate would, depending upon the weight of a particular shipment, result in increases when the shipment would be subject to the 20,000-pound rate and in reductions when the shipment would be subject to the 30,000-pound rate. The staff recommends that the application be granted by ex parte order.

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In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that applicant's proposal is reasonable and justified. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the increases granted will not contribute to inflationary expectations and are necessary to assure continued and adequate service. Therefore, they fall within the guidelines established pursuant to the Federal Government's economic stabilization program as more specifically set forth in the certificate appended.

IT IS ORDERED that:

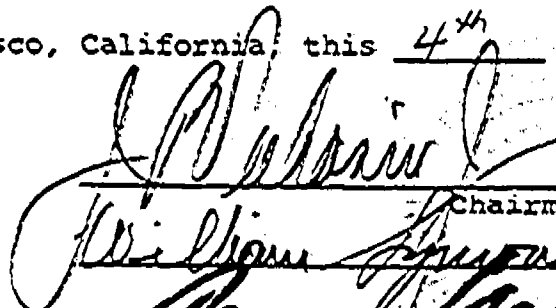
1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized to publish, on behalf of Shippers-Encinal Express, Inc., rates on pulpboard or fiberboard and products thereof in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15, as specifically proposed in the application.

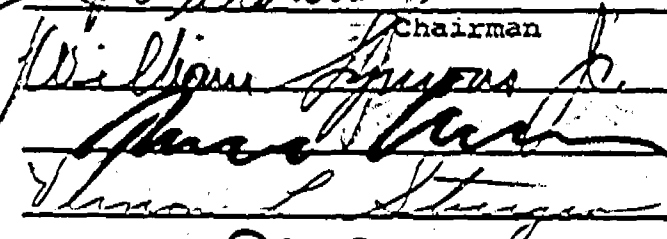
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than thirty days after the effective date of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the 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 4th day of April, 1972.



Chairman


Commissioners


Certificate of the Public Utilities
Commission of the State of California Re
Increases in Rates for Certain Transportation
Services Performed by For-Hire Highway Carriers
within California

Pursuant to provisions of Section 300.16 of the Economic Stabilization Act Amendments of 1971, the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California does hereby certify to the Federal Price Commission as follows:

1. The decision of the California Public Utilities Commission to which this certification is attached authorizes the carrier to revise its rates for the transportation of fibreboard boxes, fillers and partitions within the City of San Jose by establishing a scale of rates for palletized shipments with 5 weight brackets and a scale of rates for nonpalletized shipments with 5 weight brackets in lieu of one scale of rates with 3 weight brackets for palletized shipments only. These rate revisions predominantly result in reductions. Increases would result only in connection with palletized shipments due to differences in the minimum weight factors involved. Such differences make it impossible to measure the increases but the overall effect of such increases on the carrier's revenue is insignificant.
2. The instant application meets the criteria set forth in Rule 25 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure for processing applications under the Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket by showing that public hearing is not necessary in this proceeding and that the increases would not increase the carrier's California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent.
3. The increases should not significantly affect the carrier's overall gross revenue nor cause any inflationary impact on the cost of transportation services.

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