

Decision No. 79917

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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 M and M )	Tariff Docket
Transfer Company provisions re- )	Application No. 53078
sulting in increases due to the )	(Filed December 31, 1971)
publication of a new rate item )	
dealing with hourly vehicle unit )	
rates. )	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of M and M Transfer Company (M&M), to publish a new commodity rate item dealing with hourly vehicle unit rates together with accompanying provisions which result in increased rates applicable within Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Applicant proposes to publish the new items in Section 7 of its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15 (Tariff 111). It also proposes to add the participation of M&M to the alternative provisions of Section 4-A (Hourly Vehicle Unit Rates) in applicant's Local Freight Tariff No. 113, Cal.P.U.C. No. 19 (Tariff 113).

Applicant asserts that from 1963 to April 1971, the proposed rates were published in Section 7 of Tariff No. 111; that on April 24, 1971, under authority of Decision No. 78271, the rates were reduced and transferred to Section 4-A of Tariff No. 113. Applicant alleges that the revenue obtained from the lower rates has not been sufficient to offset the costs incurred by M&M for the transportation involved. Applicant avers that the proposed higher

rates in Tariff 111 and the proposal to alternate them with the lower rates in Tariff 113 will avoid the possibility of assessing rates less than the minimum rates.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross revenue of M&M 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 proposed rates are at the same level that other highway carriers are presently assessing in the same territory and the accompanying provisions are similar to those formerly set forth for the vehicle unit rates in Minimum Rate Tariff 5 prior to its cancellation by Decision No. 78271. 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 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:

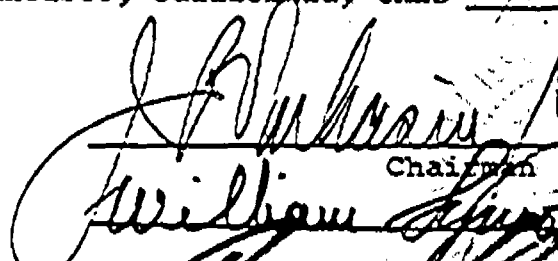


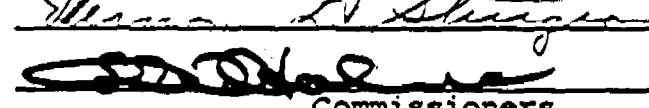
1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., is hereby authorized, on behalf of M and M Transfer Company, to publish new items in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, and to amend its Local Freight Tariff No. 113, Cal.P.U.C. No. 19, as specifically proposed 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.

  
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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 apply one of two hourly rates for the transportation of property within Los Angeles and Orange Counties based on two weight brackets, "30,000 pounds or less" and "over 30,000 pounds," in lieu of one of 57 hourly rates which vary according to the type of equipment furnished and the mileage operated. The wide differences in the variables governing the present and proposed rates make it impossible to measure these 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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