

Decision No. 80325

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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)
for and on behalf of Carl Albin,)
d.b.a. Rainbow Truck Co. tariff)
provisions resulting in increases)
because of proposed participation)
in connection with a rule pertain-)
ing to charges for expedited service.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 53291
(Filed April 26, 1972)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of Carl Albin, doing business as Rainbow Truck Co. (Albin), to include Albin as a participant in a rule in one of its tariffs pertaining to expedited service and to provide a charge of \$16.81 per hour, minimum charge one hour, for this service.¹

Applicant states that, from time to time, Albin is requested to provide expedited service requiring a special trip and that, in performing this service, the carrier must depart from his normal method of operations by furnishing additional help and dispatching extra equipment, which otherwise would be utilized in handling normal traffic.

According to applicant, less-truckload shipments require special trips in many instances and the charges resulting from the

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The rule is published in Item No. 330 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

applicable less-truckload rates for such shipments do not compensate the carrier for his out-of-pocket costs. Applicant alleges that the proposed charge is necessary in order that Albin may provide expedited service without placing an undue burden on his normal traffic.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 27, 1972. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that expedited service is generally accorded to less-truckload shipments which require exclusive use of a unit of Albin's equipment and the costs for this special service are considerably greater than the costs for the transportation of the same kind and quantity of property in regular service. The proposed charge is required so that the carrier may be adequately compensated for the special service involved. The staff recommends that the application be granted by ex parte order.

In the circumstances 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 to include Carl Albin, doing business as Rainbow Truck Co.,

as a participant in Item No. 330 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 1st day of August, 1972.

Vernon L. Stenger
President
William J. Quinn
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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 Carl Albin 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 Carl Albin to apply an hourly rate in lieu of the otherwise applicable less-truckload rates in cents per 100 pounds for performing special expedited service at shipper's request. Differences in variables governing the present and proposed rates for the aforementioned service 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.