

Decision No. 80907

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Ruddway Drayage,)	
Inc. under the Shortened Pro-)	Shortened Procedure
cedure Tariff Docket to publish)	Tariff Docket
tariff provisions resulting in)	Application No. 53618
increases because of proposed)	(Filed October 3, 1972)
transfer of applicant's rates)	(Amended October 18, 1972)
to Western Motor Tariff Bureau,)	
Inc. from another tariff bureau.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, as amended, Ruddway Drayage, Inc., requests authority to cancel its participation from certain tariffs issued by C. R. Nickerson, Agent, Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau (PCTB)¹ and, concurrently with the proposed cancellation, to enlarge its participation in certain tariffs issued by Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (WMTB).²

¹ The PCTB tariffs are: Exception Sheet No. 1, Cal.P.U.C. No. 4; Scope of Operations Tariff No. 14, Cal.P.U.C. No. 16; Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 16, Cal.P.U.C. No. 19; Freight Tariff No. 101, Cal.P.U.C. No. 36; Freight Tariff No. 104, Cal.P.U.C. No. 41; and Local Freight Tariff No. 19, Cal.P.U.C. No. 44.

² The WMTB tariffs are: Scope of Operations and Participating Carrier Tariff No. 100, Cal.P.U.C. No. 3; Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 106, Cal.P.U.C. No. 11; Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15; Exception Sheet No. 1-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 18; Local Freight Tariff No. 113, Cal.P.U.C. No. 19; Points Directory No. 1-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 25; Local Freight Tariff No. 118, Cal.P.U.C. No. 29; and Distance Table No. 7, Cal.P.U.C. No. 30.

Applicant states it has determined that it would be in its best interest to consolidate its tariffs by cancelling its participation in tariffs issued by PCTB and enlarging its participation in WMTB tariffs. Applicant points out that the proposal would eliminate much confusion and the necessity of explaining to the shipping public that two separate series of agency tariffs now have application in its operations dependent upon whether local or joint service is provided. Applicant asserts that it currently participates in tariffs of WMTB on joint service only and that all the inherent differences between PCTB issues and WMTB issues affect only local traffic.

Applicant alleges that the class rates and provisions are generally the same in both PCTB and WMTB tariffs; that the basic differences between PCTB and WMTB result principally in accessorial service rules; and that the establishment of like provisions for both local and joint service would be in the interest of tariff uniformity. Applicant declares that a substantial portion of the certificated motor carriers in California operate under the rates published in WMTB tariffs and that it desires to take advantage of the various WMTB services which would enable it to be in a more competitive position with such other certificated carriers.

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

Copies of the application were furnished to California Trucking Association, C. R. Nickerson, Agent, and Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, on or about October 2, 1972. The application and amendment were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendars of October 4 and 19, 1972, respectively. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

Commission staff analysis discloses that applicant's tariff rates would be simplified under the proposal inasmuch as the same rates and accessorial charges would be assessed for both local and joint services performed by it. Few, if any, increases need result since service would still be available from other authorized carriers that participate in the involved PCTB tariff. The staff recommends that the application be granted by ex parte order.

In the circumstances, it appears, and the Commission finds, that any increases resulting from the proposal herein are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application, as amended, should be granted.

Pursuant to paragraph (E) (2) (e) of Rule 23.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, no findings regarding compliance with the Federal Economic Stabilization Act are required for Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket filings seeking carrier rate adjustments under Rule 25 thereof.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Ruddway Drayage, Inc. is hereby authorized to cancel its participation from tariffs issued by C. R. Nickerson, Agent, Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau, and enlarge its participation in tariffs issued by Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, as specifically proposed in the application, as amended.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may be made effective not earlier than thirty days after the effective of this order on not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

3. The effective date of the Pacific Coast Tariff Bureau tariff publications authorized herein shall be concurrent with the effective date of the Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., tariff publications authorized herein.

4. The authority granted by the order herein 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 3rd day of January, 1973.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President

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Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.