

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 80908

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 carriers in)	Shortened Procedure
its Bureau Tariff No. 111 a new)	Tariff Docket
rule in Section 9 applicable to)	Application No. 53672
Upholstered Furniture which re-)	(Filed November 2, 1972)
sults in increases on light and)	
bulky articles.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, seeks authority, on behalf of various highway carriers, to publish a rule in one of its tariffs pertaining to minimum charges for the transportation of light and bulky articles of upholstered furniture.¹ The proposed rule would establish a minimum weight per individual article of upholstered furniture based on its length in lineal feet.

Applicant alleges that more and more household commodities are being manufactured with synthetic materials and that this is especially true in connection with household furniture. It asserts that, when various synthetic materials are combined with tubular aluminum framing in the manufacture of furniture, the result is a very light article.

Applicant states that the proposal is not primarily intended to be a revenue producing rule but to establish minimum charges which would be compensatory and provide a measure of pro-

¹The tariff is Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15.

tection to carriers transporting light and bulky upholstered furniture.

Applicant declares that: (1) the matter herein involved was considered by the Bureau's General Commodity Standing Rate Committee at a meeting held July 12, 1972, under Docket No. 2684; (2) the proposal was circulated to interested parties on the Bureau's docket mailing list; and (3) no opposition to its proposal has been received.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of November 3, 1972. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

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 application should be granted.

Pursuant to paragraph (3) (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. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is hereby authorized to publish the minimum charge rule on upholstered

furniture in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15, on behalf of the carriers party thereto as specifically set forth in the application.


2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein may 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 and not less than thirty days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

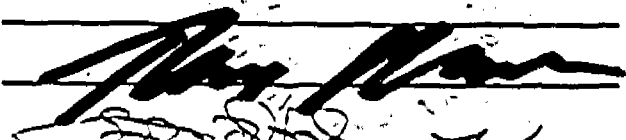
3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of January, 1973.

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



President


Commissioners