

Decision No. 81232

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. to )  
establish substitution of rail carrier )  
service for motor carrier service for )  
and on behalf of Arthur R. Altnow, dba )  
Lodi Truck Service in accordance with )  
the provisions of Section Nos. 490 and )  
491 of the Public Utilities Code. )

Application No. 53821  
(Filed February 2, 1973)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (WMTB), on behalf of Arthur R. Altnow, doing business as Lodi Truck Service (Altnow), seeks authority to publish tariff rules necessary to permit Altnow to avail himself of trailer-on-flatcar facilities of Southern Pacific Transportation Company as a substitute for highway service:

(1) between Bakersfield and Los Angeles, Oakland, Roseville and Stockton or Fresno and Oakland, Roseville and Stockton; (2) between Los Angeles and Salinas, San Francisco and San Luis Obispo; (3) between Oakland and Salinas, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara; and (4) between Salinas and San Francisco and Stockton.<sup>1</sup> Authority is also sought under Sections 490 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code to permit publication of the proposed tariff provisions and to establish such proposed provisions on five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, respectively.

Altnow possesses a certificate of public convenience and necessity from this Commission authorizing service between the points for which substituted rail service authority is sought herein. The rates published for the account of Altnow for service performed entirely by truck will be assessed the shipper when Southern Pacific Transportation

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant proposes to amend: Item No. 30 of WMTB Substituted Freight Service Directory No. 1, Cal.P.U.C. No. 8. Subsequent to the filing of the application, WMTB requested by letter that the point Santa Barbara be eliminated as a sought point of origin and destination for substituted transportation service.

Company substitutes its service for that of Altnow at the option of the latter. The proposed tariff would provide that if the shipper so directs, rail substituted service will not be used.

The verified application shows that a copy thereof was served on California Trucking Association on or about February 2, 1973. The application was listed on the Commission's Daily calendar of February 6, 1973. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the establishment of substituted rail service as specifically proposed in the application, on five days' notice, would not be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., is hereby authorized to publish, on behalf of Arthur R. Altnow, doing business as Lodi Truck Service, and Southern Pacific Transportation Company, tariff provisions for substituted rail service as proposed in the application except service to and from Santa Barbara and to depart from the provisions of General Order No. 80-A to the extent necessary to publish said tariff provisions.

2. The carrier named in the above-numbered application is hereby authorized to depart from the long- and short-haul provisions of Section 460 of the Public Utilities Code in connection with rates that are currently maintained for the account of Arthur R. Altnow, doing business as Lodi Truck Service, under outstanding long- and short-haul authorities.

3. 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 five days after the effective date hereof on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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4. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within 120 days after the effective date hereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 1973.

Vernon L. Spring  
President  
William J. Squire  
John J. Squire  
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Commissioners