

Decision No. 81691**ORIGINAL**

## 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 G.C.T., Inc., )  
 tariff provisions resulting in )  
 increases because of proposed )  
 cancellation of specific commodity )  
 rates published under alternative )  
 application. )

Shortened Procedure  
 Tariff Docket  
 Application No. 53917  
 (Filed March 26, 1973)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (WMTB), seeks authority, on behalf of G.C.T., Inc. (GCT), to cancel the carrier's participation in various rail-competitive commodity rates.<sup>1</sup> Upon cancellation of the rates, as proposed, higher class rates would apply.

Applicant states that GCT has not transported any shipments under the rates proposed to be cancelled for a period exceeding one year, due primarily to the loss of traffic to competing highway carriers. Applicant declares that such rates have, in effect, become dead rates insofar as GCT is concerned and contends that the proposal would have no effect upon the shipping public since other highway carriers currently participate in the same rates.

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

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<sup>1</sup> These rates are set forth in the following issues of WMTB: Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 109, Cal.P.U.C. No. 13; Local Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 101, Cal.P.U.C. No. 4; Rail Freight Station List No. 1-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 16; Mechanical Protective Service Tariff No. 108, Cal.P.U.C. No. 12 and; Railhead Pickup or Delivery Limits and Switching Limits Tariff No. 117, Cal.P.U.C. No. 27.

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The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 27, 1973. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds, that increases resulting from the cancellation of the rates, as proposed, are justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application 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. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., is hereby authorized on behalf of G.C.T. Inc., to cancel (1) the carrier's participation in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 109, Cal.P.U.C. No. 13; (2) Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 101, Cal.P.U.C. No. 4; (3) Rail Freight Station List No. 1-A, Cal.P.U.C. No. 16; (4) Mechanical Protective Service Tariff No. 108, Cal.P.U.C. No. 12; and (5) Railhead Pickup or Delivery Limits and Switching Limits Tariff No. 117, Cal.P.U.C. No. 27, as specifically proposed in the application.

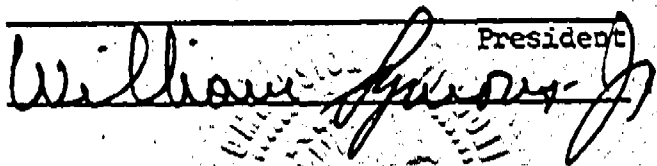


2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of the order herein shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than August 13, 1973, on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public.

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

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This order is effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of July, 1973.

  
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President  
  
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Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being  
necessarily absent, did not participate  
in the disposition of this proceeding.

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