Decision No. 81698

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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 Shippers)
Imperial, Inc. tariff provisions resulting in an increase because of the proposed cancellation of certain specific rail competitive commodity rates.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 53937 (Filed March 30, 1973)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., (WMTB), seeks authority, on behalf of Shippers Imperial, Inc. (Shippers), to cancel the carrier's participation in a rail competitive rate for the transportation of glassware from Mulford to Oakland. A higher class or commodity rate would apply upon cancellation of the rate, as proposed.

Applicant states that Shippers has reviewed its records and has determined that the rate in question is unused mainly due to the fact that the railroads maintain a lower rate for the involved transportation. Applicant contends that the proposed cancellation of this inactive rate would serve to promote tariff simplification.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 2, 1973. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

The rate is set forth in detail in Item No. 1503 of WMTB Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 109, Call. P.U.C. No. 13.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases resulting from cancellation of the rate, 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 Shippers Imperial, Inc., to cancel the carrier's participation in a rate in Item No. 1503 in its Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 109, Cal.P.U.C. No. 13, 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 minety days after the effective date of this order.

This order is effective on the date hereof. Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of July, 1973.

Commissioners Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding. Commissioner J. P. Vokasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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