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Decision No. 81703

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 California) Motor Express, Ltd. and California) Motor Transport Co. tariff provisions resulting in increases because of proposed cancellation of) Metropolitan Los Angeles Area) 1,000 pound class rates.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 53968 (Filed April 16, 1973)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., (WMTB) seeks authority, on behalf of California Motor Express, Ltd. (CME) and California Motor Transport Co., (CMT) to cancel from one of its tariffs their participation in the 1,000 - pound class rates for the transportation of property between points in a defined Los Angeles Area.¹ Upon cancellation of the rates, as proposed, higher class rates would apply.

Applicant states that CME and CMT are primarily northsouth long line carriers but they do handle some traffic in the Los Angeles Area. Applicant contends that these carriers made a study of such traffic and have found that the rates in question are not compensatory for their type of operation.

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

¹The rates are set forth in Item 4440 of WMTB Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal. P.U.C. No. 15.

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The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 17, 1973. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that the proposed cancellation of rates is justified. A public hearing is not necessary. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

Pursuant to paragraph (E) (2) (c) 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 California Motor Express, Ltd. and California Motor Transport Co., to publish amendments in its Local, Jointcand Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15, 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.

President Commissioners

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Commissioner Verner 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.