

Decision No. 81705

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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)	Shortened Procedure
Docket, for and on behalf of)	Tariff Docket
Illinois-California Express, Inc.)		Application No. 54047
tariff provisions resulting in)	(Filed May 21, 1973)
increases because of cancellation)		
of Hourly Vehicle Unit Rates.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (WMTB), seeks authority, on behalf of Illinois-California Express, Inc. (ICX), to cancel the carrier's hourly vehicle unit rates for the transportation of property within Los Angeles and Orange Counties.¹

Applicant states that ICX is primarily a north-south long line less-truckload carrier and a search of the carrier's records indicates that it has never handled any shipments under the hourly rates in question. Applicant alleges that ICX does not expect to be requested to perform services under these hourly rates in the future and avers that the proposed cancellation of such rates would have no adverse effect upon the shipping public inasmuch as numerous other carriers in the greater Los Angeles area specialize in performing services under the same level of hourly rates.

¹These hourly vehicle unit rates are set forth in Section 4-A of WMTB Local Freight Tariff No. 113, Cal.P.U.C. No. 19 and Section 7 of WMTB Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of May 23, 1973. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases resulting from 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 Illinois-California Express, Inc., to cancel the hourly vehicle unit rates in its Local Freight Tariff No. 113, Cal.P.U.C. No. 19, and Local, Joint and 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.

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3. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety 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.

President
William J. Gussony

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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.