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Decision No. 82439

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 L. R. Denney,) Inc., and all other carriers as) shown in Exhibit "A", tariff pro-) visions resulting in an increase) because of the proposed cancel-) lation of certain specific rail) competitive commodity rates.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 54399 (Filed October 23, 1973)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB), on behalf of four carriers,¹ seeks authority to cancel from one of its tariffs certain rail-competitive 145,000 pound rates on cement from Cushenbury and Monolith to Long Beach and Norwalk, respectively.² Upon cancellation of the rates as proposed, higher commodity rates would apply.

Applicant alleges that the involved carriers have reviewed their records and have determined that no traffic has moved under the rates in question for some time. Applicant avers that said carriers do not desire to maintain rates which no longer move traffic.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 25, 1973. No objection to the granting of the

The carriers are L. R. Denney, Inc., Henry Fikse, Fikse Bros., Inc., and John H. Fikse and Alfred Fikse, Jr., dba Fikse Trucking Company.

²The rates are set forth in detail in Items Nos. 4035 and 4040 of WMTB Local Freight Tariff No. 17, Cal.P.U.C. No. 21.

application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases resulting from the proposal are justified. 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., on behalf of L. R. Denney, Inc. and the carriers shown in Exhibit "A" attached to the application, is hereby authorized to cancel certain rail-competitive rates from its Local Freight Tariff No. 17, Cal.P.U.C. No. 21, 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 the fifth day after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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

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

Dated at San Diego, California, this <u>J</u> day of February, 1974.

Commissioners

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