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Decision No. ~~62662~~

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 certain of its)
participating carriers tariff pro-)
visions resulting in increases)
because of proposed increase in)
specified hourly rates for bulk)
petroleum carriers.)

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 54603
(Filed January 23, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (WMTB), seeks authority, on behalf of all carriers participating in one of its tariffs to increase the hourly rates in the tariff for the transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk in tank truck equipment from \$13.00, \$13.65 and \$14.65 to \$13.75, \$15.80 and \$17.00, respectively.¹

Applicant states that these hourly rates are used when special circumstances exist which make it impractical for the carriers to assess other rates in the tariff and they apply only when shipper or consignee requests the service. Applicant alleges that the rates of \$13.65 and \$14.65 have been in effect since September 28, 1972, and the rate of \$13.00 since January 5, 1973. Applicant avers that the proposed rates are reasonable considering the increases in costs that have occurred since the aforementioned dates.

Applicant asserts that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase the California intrastate gross

¹The present rates are named in Item 450 of WMTB Local and Joint Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24. The proposed rates are set forth in detail in the appendix attached to the application.

revenue derived by any of the carriers involved by as much as one percent.

Applicant declares that the proposed rates were formally considered by its California Intrastate Tank Truck Standing Rate Committee under its Docket No. 425 and that circularization of such proposed rates and the result of the committee's action thereon was made known to interested shippers and carriers. Applicant anticipates that no formal opposition will be made in this matter by any interested party.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 30, 1974. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

In the circumstances, the Commission finds that increases resulting from the proposal herein 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., is authorized, on behalf of all carriers participating in its Local and Joint Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, to publish revised hourly rates in said tariff as specifically proposed in the application.

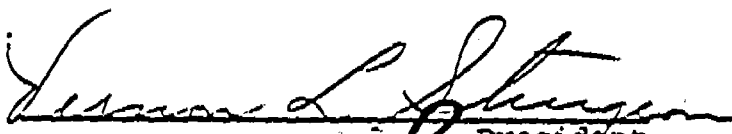
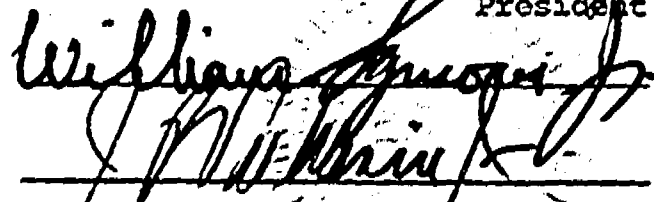

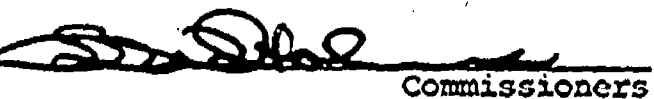
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed not earlier than the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than the fifth day after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

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 shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of April, 1974.


President



Commissioners

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