Decision No. 83164

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 Cartage Company tariff provisions resulting in increases because of proposed cancellation of Metropolitan Los Angeles Area pool car distribution rates.

Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket Application No. 54801 (Filed April 12, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

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By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., (WMTB) seeks authority, on behalf of California Cartage Company, Inc. (CCC), to cancel from one of its tariffs CCC's participation in the pool car distribution rates for services performed within a defined Metropolitan Los Angeles Area.¹ Upon cancellation of the rates, as proposed, higher minimum shipment charges or class rates would apply.

Applicant states that CCC does not presently have customers who would require this type of service and such traffic has not been tendered to the carrier in the past. Applicant alleges that, should CCC be requested to perform these pool car services in the future, the revenue accruing under the rates in question would not be compensatory for the particular operations of CCC. Applicant avers that its proposal would have little, if any, effect upon the shipping public since many other carriers participating in its Tariff No. 111 perform such services under the involved pool car rates.

The pool car services and rates are described in detail in Item 497 of WMTB Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15 (Tariff No. 111).

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of April 15, 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 California Cartage Company, Inc., to cancel the carrier's participation in Item No. 497 of Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, 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 five days 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.

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Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of July, 1974.

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