

Decision No. 83680**ORIGINAL**

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	)	Shortened Procedure
behalf of certain of its	)	Tariff Docket
participating carriers tariff	)	Application No. 55158
provisions resulting in	)	(Filed September 10, 1974)
increases due to cancellation of	)	
specific rail competitive	)	
commodity rates.	)	

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., seeks authority, on behalf of all carriers participating in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, to cancel from said tariff the rail-motor rates on gasoline in bulk in tank truck equipment from points in a defined Oakland area to Scotia and Crescent City and intermediate points.

Applicant states that the rates in question are combination rail-motor rates constructed by use of the rail rate from the points of origin to Eureka and the truck rate from Eureka to the points of destination. Though the need for these rates existed some time ago, applicant avers that today's marketing patterns and chains of distribution of the major oil companies seem to make these rates anachronistic. Applicant alleges that it behooves the involved motor carriers to seek cancellation of the rail competitive combination rates since the minimal amount of traffic involved does not justify the maintenance of such rates.

Applicant declares that the proposed cancellation of rates was the subject of its Docket No. 444 and the matter was formally considered by its California Intrastate Tank Truck Standing Rate

Committee. Applicant alleges that copies of the aforementioned docket were provided to interested carriers and shippers prior to the formal docket meeting and such parties were informed of the result of the Committee's action thereon. According to applicant, no formal opposition to this matter is anticipated.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of September 12, 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:

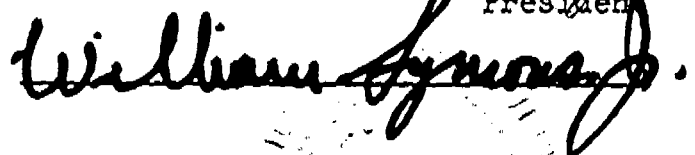
1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. is hereby authorized, on behalf of the carriers participating in its Local Freight and Express Tariff No. 18, Cal.P.U.C. No. 24, to cancel from said tariff the rates on gasoline as specifically proposed in the application.
2. Tariff publications authorized to be made 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.

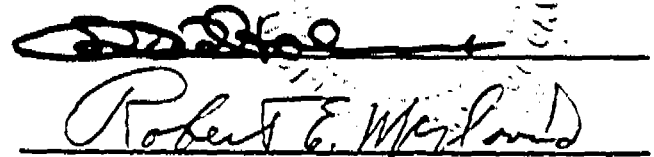
This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

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Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, 1974.

  
President



  
Commissioners

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being  
necessarily absent, did not participate  
in the disposition of this proceeding.