

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor)
Tariff Bureau, Inc. under the)
Shortened Procedure Tariff Doc-)
ket to publish for and on behalf)
of 20th Century Trucking Company)
tariff provisions resulting in)
increases because of proposed)
cancellation of certain packaged)
commodity rates.)

ORIGINAL

Shortened Procedure
Tariff Docket
Application No. 55402
(Filed December 20, 1974)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. (WMTB), requests authority, on behalf of 20th Century Trucking Company (20th Century) to cancel from one of its tariffs 20th Century's participation in the parcel delivery rates for transportation within the Metropolitan Los Angeles Area of packages weighing 50 pounds or less.¹ Upon cancellation of the rates, as proposed, higher minimum charges would apply.²

Applicant alleges that parcel delivery is a very specialized and unique-type operation and a high volume of parcels must be tendered to the carrier in order for it to operate efficiently and at the same time realize a profit. Applicant asserts that 20th Century is not receiving the needed volume and the charges resulting under the rates in question for this type of service are no longer compensatory for the carrier's particular operations.

1 The current rates as set forth in Item 487 of WMTB Local, Joint and Proportional Freight and Express Tariff No. 111, Cal.P.U.C. No. 15 (Tariff No. 111) are constructed by adding to the rate of 55 cents per package or piece $4\frac{1}{2}$ cents for each pound or fraction thereof of the gross weight of the package. A service charge of \$2.00 per week also applies unless all packages or pieces are tendered at carrier's terminal.

2 These minimum charges are \$4.95 for shipments weighing 25 pounds or less and \$6.00 for shipments exceeding 25 pounds but not exceeding 50 pounds and they are subject to a surcharge of 6 percent. Such minimum charges are named in Item 467 of Tariff No. 111.

Applicant avers that the proposed cancellation of 20th Century's participation from the involved rates would have little or no effect on the shipping public since the services of various specialized parcel carriers are available to the public under the current rates.

Applicant contends that increases resulting from the proposal herein would not increase 20th Century's California intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 23, 1974. 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.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., is authorized, on behalf of 20th Century Trucking Company, to cancel the carrier's participation from Item No. 487 of its 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 the 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.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of
March, 1975.

Yessie L. Stinson
President
William L. Stinson
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Leonard Ross
Commissioners