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MAR 7 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Western Motor
Tariff Bureau, Inc., under
Shortened Procedure Tariff Docket
for and on behalf of Smith Trans-
portation to amend Bureau Tariff
170 which results in increases.

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) Shortened Procedure
) Tariff Docket
) Application 83-11-60
) (Filed November 25, 1983)
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O P I N I O N

Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB), on behalf of Smith Transportation (Smith), requests authority to amend Item 848-2 of Rules Tariff 170, CA PUC 51, and to add Smith as a participant. The provisions in Item 848-2 define the carriers' liability limitations and permit shippers to declare higher valuations on their shipments by paying an added charge.

Applicant states that handling shipments of high value merchandise entails special arrangements with its drivers, helpers and other employees, leading to increased expenses. These expenses would have to be absorbed by Smith since no charges are applicable for the added service. Smith believes that the charges in Item 848-2 more readily reflect the actual cost of performing the service of transporting high value merchandise.

WMTB has been informed that the proposed increase will not result in increasing Smith's intrastate gross revenue by as much as one percent.

The proposal is not a major action significantly affecting energy efficiency within the meaning of Public Utilities (PU) Code Sections 3502.1 and 3502.2.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 1, 1983. No objection to the granting of this application has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.
2. The proposal will result in increasing Smith's California intrastate gross revenue by less than one percent.
3. The following order has no reasonably foreseeable impact upon the energy efficiency of highway common carriers.
4. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, is authorized to amend its Rules Tariff 170, CA PUC 51 to provide for the inclusion of Smith Transportation in Item 848.2, reference A, of the tariff.

2. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order shall be filed on or after the effective date of this order and may be made effective not earlier than 5 days after the effective date of this order on not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission and to the public.

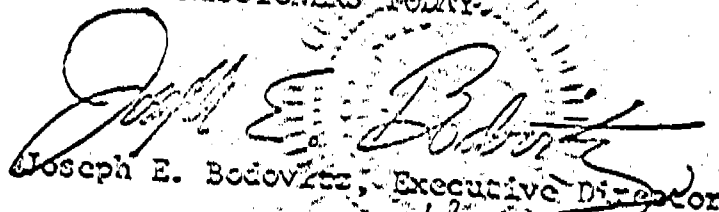
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated MAR 7 1984, at San Francisco, California.

VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

Commissioner Leonard M. Grimes, Jr.,
being necessarily absent, did not
participate.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director