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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Westcoast Motor Tariff Bureau,)
 Inc., Agent on behalf of Northern)
 Refrigerated Transportation, Inc.)
 requests permission to deviate)
 from the Public Utilities Commis-)
 sion's level of minimum charges)
 and from Westcoast Motor Tariff)
 Bureau, Inc., Agent's level of)
 minimum charges as published in)
 Item 150, Local and Joint Freight)
 Tariff No. 1, Cal PUC No. 3.)

Shortened Procedure
 Tariff Docket
 Application 83-12-34
 (Filed December 20, 1983)

O P I N I O N

By this application, Westcoast Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, seeks authority on behalf of Northern Refrigerated Transportation, Inc. (Northern), a highway common carrier, to assess a 1,000-pound minimum charge for distances over 200 miles. The new charges will be published in WCMTB's Local and Joint Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal PUC No. 3.

Northern indicates that revenue from its current minimum charges for distances over 200 miles is insufficient to cover the costs of transporting these small shipments because 90% of its freight is refrigerated and requires specialized equipment, resulting in higher than usual equipment expenses.

Northern states that it has contacted shippers that will be involved in this increase and has not received any objections. Applicant certifies that the proposed rates will not increase its intrastate gross revenue by more than one percent.

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

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of December 22, 1983. No objection to the granting of the application has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The increases resulting from this proposal are justified.
2. The proposal will increase Northern's California intrastate gross revenue by less than one percent.
3. This proposal has no reasonably foreseeable impact on the energy efficiency of highway carriers.
4. Authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Westcoast Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent, on behalf of Northern Refrigerated Transportation, Inc., is authorized to amend its Local and Joint Freight Tariff No. 1, Cal PUC No. 3, to increase minimum charges for distances over 200 miles.

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.

3. Northern Refrigerated Transportation, Inc., in establishing and maintaining the rates authorized by this order, is authorized to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 to the extent necessary to adjust long- and short-haul departures now maintained under outstanding authorizations; such outstanding

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authorizations are modified only to the extent necessary to comply with this order and schedules containing the rates published under this authority shall make reference to the prior orders authorizing long- and short-haul departures and to this order.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

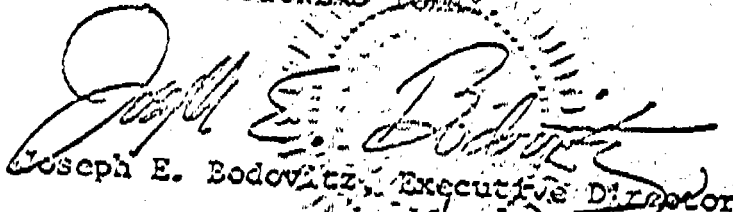
Dated APR 4 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
Commissioners

Commissioner William T. Bagley
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director