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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application)
of Western Motor Tariff Bureau,)
Inc., seeking authority for the)
publication of a new tariff provi-)
ding charges for the movement of)
commodities requiring special)
handling.)

Application 83-07-10
(Filed July 7, 1983;
Amended September 19 and
November 7, 1983)

O P I N I O N

Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (WMTB), on behalf of Cal-Van Transportation Services, Inc. (Cal-Van), requests authority to publish a new tariff providing charges for the movement of commodities which require special handling.

Some shipments tendered to Cal-Van do not lend themselves to the assessment of class rates under WMTB Tariff 570-A, CA PUC 85, in which Cal-Van participates. The transportation involved is specialized and requires much more service than the usual spotting of a trailer, loading and unloading. The shipments are seldom crated, and much of the traffic is not packed or is transported in blanket wrapped conditions, similar to household goods moves.

Drivers and helpers must be acquainted with the type of handling necessary, which includes services such as assembling, dismantling, loading onto or unloading from dollies or carts, moving through crowded offices or showroom floors, and employment of rigging or hoisting devices.

Applicant asserts that class rates and governing rules in WMTB Tariff 570-A are not suitable to cover the type of services involved. The proposed tariff will establish the type of rates, rules and charges that are appropriate for special handling services performed by Cal-Van. The majority of the proposed tariff meets the published rates of carriers handling and providing this specialized service. Increases are technical in nature resulting from minor changes in the wording of certain rules.

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

The application and amendments were listed on the Commission's Daily Calendars of July 12, September 23 and November 10, 1983. No objection to the granting of the application, as amended, has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. The increases resulting from this proposal are technical in nature and are justified.
2. Limited authority to depart from the provisions of PU Code Section 461.5 is justified.
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, as amended, should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Cal-Van Transportation Services, Inc. is authorized to publish a new tariff providing charges for the movement of commodities which require special handling.

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. Cal-Van Transportation Services, 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 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.

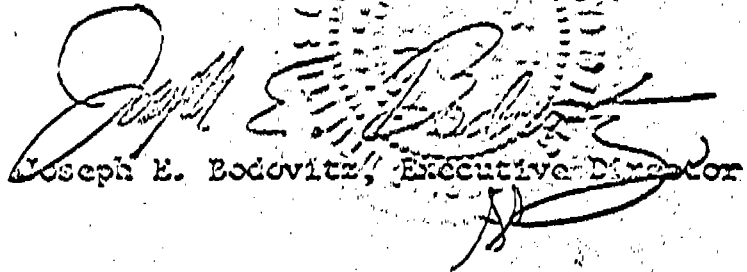
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated APR 4 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President
VICTOR CALVO
FRISCILLA C. CREW
DONALD VIAL
Commissioners

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

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director